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SPAIN.

Prince Ferdinand a Candidate for the Throne—The Liberals.

MADRID, Sunday, Feb. 7.

It is said that Prince FERDINAND has consented to be a candidate for the throne of Spain.

Orders have been issued for the execution of the assassins of the Governor of Burgos.

It is generally conceded that Señor OLOZAGA will be chosen to preside over the Constituent Cortes. Many rumors prevail about the proposed Directory. Some assert that the members are to be elected for five years. Many political arrests have lately been made. All the prisoners are charged with being engaged in the Carlist movement.

The name of Prince GIUSEPPI has been stricken from the rolls of the Spanish army.

The Carlists are very active, and there are indications that they are laboring to produce an insurrection, which may break out at any moment. It is rumored that the 11th inst. has been fixed upon by them for open demonstrations against the Provisional Government.

PARIS, Sunday, Feb. 7.

Queen ISABELLA has issued another manifesto, denouncing the revolution in Spain, and asserting her right to the throne.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Eight Days Granted Greece to Accept the Peace Protocol.

PARIS, Sunday, Feb. 7.

The Great Powers have granted a delay of eight days for the Greek Government to make its final decision in regard to the proposals of the Paris Conference.

The announcement is made, on official authority, that late advices from Athens give the French Government good reason to hope that the pacific policy of King GEORGE will triumph over the excitement of the hour. Great agitation still prevails in Athens.

California Markets and Mining News.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Saturday, Feb. 6.

Flour, $4 75@$5 75. Wheat—Choice shipping grades, $1 75@$1 77½. Legal tenders, 74¾.

The Kentucky Mining Company passes its dividend for January.

The Yellow Jacket Mining Company have declared a dividend of $100 a foot for the month of January, and have also increased the number of shares to twenty per foot, instead of one, as heretofore.

Mining stocks through the week have been active, with a general falling off in prices. Alpha, $80; Belcher, $81; Bullion, $20; Chollar, $61; Confidence, $93; Crown Point, $93; Empire Mill, $128; Gould & Curry, $107; Hale & Norcross, $90; Imperial, $139; Kentuck, $215; Ophir, $64; Overman, $77; Savage, $90; Sierra Nevada, $90; Yellow Jacket, $1,970.

A Riot Among Firemen in Philadelphia—One Man Fatally Injured.

PHILADELPHIA, Sunday, Feb. 7.

One company of the present Volunteer Fire Department of this city removed to a new location yesterday, and, as usual in such cases, a building near by was set on fire to celebrate the event. This brought other companies on the ground, and a riot ensued resulting in the mortally wounding of one man with an iron bar. Subsequently the house of another company was bombarded with stones and much injured. The frequency of similar affairs has caused a movement to be started in the City Council for a paid Fire Department.

A Boy Shot and Killed by a Barber in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Penn., Sunday, Feb. 7.

MICHAEL KAUFFMAN, a German barber of this city, shot a little boy named EDWARD MILLER, on Saturday evening. The boy was looking into the shop window, and after being ordered away by KAUFFMAN, the latter fired a revolver through the window, killing the boy almost instantly. KAUFFMAN narrowly escaped lynching by the citizens, but was hurried off to jail.

A Young Girl Strangled by her Insane Father in Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sunday, Feb. 7.

An insane man, named HOEFER, living in the outskirts of Hannibal, Mo., murdered his daughter, 10 years old, yesterday. He strangled her with a strap, then cut her body in two, and otherwise mutilated the corpse. He was arrested. When asked why he committed the deed, he replied that he offered her as a sacrifice to Christ.

Death in a Church at Waterbury, Conn.

WATERBURY, Conn., Sunday, Feb. 7.

Mr. JOHN W. WHITTAL, a prominent resident of this city, and manager of the Great Brook Woolen Company, died suddenly in the First Congregational Church this afternoon from a stroke of apoplexy.

WASHINGTON.

The Corrupting Influences of the Lobby—Its Origin and Progress—Social Life.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1869.

The presence of a powerful Third House in town, street cars crowded with millionaires, dinner parties running into one another at WELKER'S, greenbacks flowing in rivers, leads one to reflect what the popular idea of Congress must be, when it causes people to make such efforts on its honor. Formerly a politician was a poor man, politics and poverty being a sort of synonym; nowadays hardly a politician will rest that who is not well to do in the world; and the question arises whether bribery has done any work in throwing its money-bags into the scales of Justice, whether legislation has been carried on with a view to favor individual business interests, or whether any other cause has transformed our legislators into capitalists—men needing no overt bribes, since the natural affiliations between wealth and wealth answer all such purposes. We most of us remember the story of DANIEL WEBSTER taking his note of hand, indorsed by RUFUS CHOATE, into a well-known bank for discount, and being politely informed that its negotiation was impossible. "Is there no money in the bank?" thundered he, with grand incomprehension but useless argument. And nothing ever illustrated better the impecunious condition of the men of that incorruptible and iron age. But in the present era, what Congressman has his paper protested? If we want the wealthiest bankers, the chief directors of great railways, the owners of vast mills, the wielders of tremendous iron interests, where shall we look for them but in Congress?

The beginning of this curious turn in the wheel of affairs may be found as far back as the early days of the American party, so-called, some fifteen years ago. If this Party had succeeded in its chief objects, no one can deny that the delicate and complicate machinery of our Government would not now be exposed to the temptation of rude and experimenting foreign hands. But founded to attain such important ends as this party had in view, radical changes in the manner of conducting affairs were required, a professional name, which had heretofore been a talisman of respect, was necessarily disregarded, and it was deemed unadvisable that those who had held office under the old condition of things should continue to hold it. Thus the mercantile element came up—permost, wealthy men who could meet the expenses of election were sought for, and natural momentum has done the rest. Whether a Legislature of millionaires will attend to the general interests of the country at large rather than to their own, depends on the character and probity of its individuals; but all that one can say is, that is they do they will present an anomaly never before met with in the history of human nature. Will the owner of immense iron-works, works now paying cent-per-cent, rise in Congress and propose, or consent, to relieve other interests of the stupendous tax on the article which his cent-per-cent obliges them to pay? Will the mill-owner rise and consent to let in the fabrics of other lands, to clothe the laborer whom he obliges to gild his gold with the price he pays for clothing? Will the salt-manufacturer, with Saginaw and Syracuse behind him, consent to admit the salt of Turk's Island free of duty, on the one hand, or, on the other, that of the Mexican Island of Carmen, in the Gulf of California, where salt exists inexhaustibly and in unrivaled purity, and would save to the Pacific farmers inestimable quantities of beef and pork now utterly lost for the want of it? These are not the things which occur to-day, and when any of them do occur we shall be nearer the ideal republic than the most daring dreams of any visionary among us all ever aspired to reach. There is, indeed, a rumor that Mr. SPRAGUE, perhaps the largest cotton manufacturer in the country, is shortly to speak decisively in favor of free trade, a rumor somewhat strengthened by the prevailing belief in his general disinterestedness, it being reported that he has never yet drawn any portion of his salary as Senator.

Reflections like these will be continued to a dangerous and distracting point by any one who peruses the report of the Special Commissioner of the Revenue, Mr. D. A. WELLS, perhaps the most complete and conclusive exposition of the industrial and commercial affairs of the country emanating, during late years, from any source,—and showing, as it does, with much perspicuity and with arithmetical accuracy, the manner in which the legislation of the country has been subsidized into the service of great private and, in many cases, purely local interests, to the detriment of the broad general welfare. It is more upon this rock of great single interests, than upon any other, that we are in danger of splitting. These tremendous stakes in the hands of so few men, giving rise to speculations on a scale of continental grandeur, threaten to convert the National Treasury into a mere fund-bank, and are one of the most potent elements of disintegration that a body politic has ever known.

Meanwhile, in the midst of all the agitation of railway kings and their efforts, of tariff pressures and of Cabinet makers, and although next month another absorbing drama is to be opened in the crowded disagreement of the new President and Congress with all its possibilities of trouble, the waste of social life passes over without shattering one of its shining foam-bubbles. It is Carnival week; next Wednesday the bells toll and the revellers pause and put ashes on their heads, but till then they swing triumphantly on their way. Receptions, balls, weddings, *matinées* and Germans, going on from dark till dawn, five deep. The great event of the week has been the reception of Mrs. Attorney-General EVARTS. Mrs. EVARTS is a woman beyond her youth, but possessed of remarkable personal beauty. She brings here a great and refinement and spirit the Washington society had learned to do without, and the charm of her cordial and perfectly high-bred hospitality has already made her house a delightful rendezvous. Every one of any note in the city passed through the rooms at her last reception, and the brilliant uniforms and exquisite toilettes, and the profusion of flowers everywhere at hand, rendered the scene almost enchanting. Major-Generals and Senators are so much the staple of society, that one does not think of enumerating them; but prominent among those whose presence lit up the brown was Miss HOAR, of Concord, Mass.; Mr. FRANK LESLIE, the publisher, of New-York; Mr. PARTON, whom some one calls the Plutarch of the present; Mr. SQUIERS, the South American traveler, with his wife, the editress of the *Lady's Friend*, a woman, whose large-eyed and Oriental beauty, set off by a toilette of satin and *point applique*, with black diamonds, made a dazzling picture. It was altogether the most distinguished of the receptions that have yet taken place, and fitting'y wound up the hospitalities extended by the ladies of the Cabinet.

DOMINO.

The Proposed Reduction of the Army—The Annexation of St. Domingo—The Senate and the Tenure-of-Office Bill.

Special Dispatches to the *New-York Times*.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Feb. 7.

The details of the proposed bill for the reduction of the army, agreed upon by the House Military Committee yesterday, and outlined in these dispatches last night, are in brief as follows:

First—Consolidate the Quartermaster, Commissary and Pay Departments into one department, to be called the Department of Supply.

Second—Consolidate the ordnance and artillery into one corps.

Third—Reduce the number of infantry regiments from forty-five to thirty.

Fourth—No more Brigadier-Generals of the line to be appointed beyond the present number, eight, thus abolishing the two commissions now vacant.

Fifth—No more Brigadier-Generals to be appointed in the Staff, except the Chief of the Supply Department.

Sixth—Abolish Regimental Commissaries of Subsistence for cavalry.

Seventh—Reduce the number of non-commissioned officers in each regiment.

Eighth—Abolish bands.

Ninth—The term of enlistment to be five years.

Tenth—The mode of reduction to be by absorption—that is, in military phrase, by "casualty," expiration of terms of enlistment, discharge, death, disability, dismissal, resignation, &c.

Eleventh—All the Staff Departments to be reduced in the number of their officers.

No new appointments are to be made, either from West Point or from civil life, until this reduction is accomplished, which it is estimated will require about two years. The number of officers thus cut off is about six hundred. The measure will be proposed to-morrow, under a suspension of the rules, as an amendment to the Army Appropriation bill. It is designed, as much as anything, to test the temper of the House, some of its leading members having complained that the Military Committee were apathetic on this question. If the Army Appropriation bill is to be cut up indiscriminately, without regard to the objects or necessities for which the money is appropriated, as it has been for three days past, then it is absolutely necessary that Congress reduce the army in the same proportion. Gen. BUTLER, animated by his invincible hostility to the Regular Army, stands ready to propose, as a substitute for the foregoing, a still more sweeping reduction, which amounts almost to annihilation. It is exceedingly doubtful, considering all the circumstances, whether any reduction is finally accomplished at this session. There are but twenty-one working days left.

THE ANNEXATION OF ST. DOMINGO.

It is proposed to-night to bring up the St. Domingo annexation project in the House again to-morrow, provided some one favorable to it can get the floor under the call of States for bills and resolutions. The project has gathered strength during the week. An official dispatch was received here on Friday, from BAEZ, President of the Republic, giving the most positive assurance that the Government and people of St. Domingo will accept annexation with avidity and satisfaction. The statement having been made that the debt of the Republic was six or seven millions, Mr. J. W. FABENS, confidential agent of the Dominican Government, has addressed a note to Hon. N. P. BANKS, stating that the entire indebtedness of the Republic, including the paper money in circulation, will not exceed $500,000.

THE TENURE-OF-OFFICE ACT.

There will be an earnest effort to obtain action in the Senate at the present session on the bill to repeal the Tenure-of-Office act. If time says favorable for a short time, and the friends of the repeal gave notice that they should press action until the question was decided. But if the House and Senate should disagree, as now seems very likely, the question would almost certainly go over to the next Congress. There is a disposition in the Senate, and it has unquestionably increased within the past three weeks, to wait until Gen. GRANT is officially heard from, especially in the selection of a Cabinet. Senators have said, within the past week, that as Gen. GRANT seems disposed to rely wholly on his own judgment and knowledge of the qualifications and principles that should govern the selection of a Cabinet, it will be best to wait and see if events justify such a reliance, before the Senate surrenders any of its power in the premises. These utterances, of course, are mainly the effusion of feeling on the part of Senators, who are chagrined because they have not been consulted, but it accounts in no small degree, for the apathy in the Senate on the subject of the Tenure-of-Office repeal. Should the Cabinet be satisfactory, and should Gen. GRANT say or intimate officially that in the reform of the civil service he must be something more than a prosecuting attorney against delinquent officers, the repeal of the law will almost certainly follow.

THE NATURALIZATION LAWS.

The House Committee on Revision of the Laws considered two bills yesterday, which were presented respectively by Mr. JENCKES and Judge POLAND, providing for a change in the Naturalization laws. One of these measures prohibits the State Courts from naturalising foreigners, and the other leaves it precisely as it is at present, with certain restrictions. The number of years which the applicant must have resided in the United States before voting is the same *de facto*, though according to one bill a person may be naturalized after a residence of four years, but he cannot exercise the suffrage until six months from the time he has taken out his second papers shall have elapsed. Severe penalties are provided against those who issue fraudulent naturalization papers, or who may hereafter vote on fraudulent papers now in existence. The Senate Judiciary Committee will consider this question at their next regular meeting on Wednesday. Senator FRELINGHUYSEN is preparing a bill on the subject.

THE NEXT CONGRESS.

A session of the Forty-first Congress, of several week's duration, commencing on the 4th of March, is now deemed absolutely certain. There are half a dozen important questions, to say nothing of TAX and Tariff bills, which cannot pass or be considered during the brief remnant of the present session. Among these are the revision of the Naturalization laws, the transfer of the Indian Bureau, the settlement of the *status* of Georgia, the case of Virginia, the Pacific Railroad measures, and probably the repeal of the Tenure-of-Office act.

THE NEW-YORK ELECTION FRAUDS.

The Committee engaged in the investigation of the frauds in the New-York election will sit for some time longer. The recusant witness, SOANELL, is still under arrest, but he is not kept in very close confinement, through the indulgence of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House. So far as his inability to pay is concerned, there are a hundred speculative persons around the Capitol who would gladly take the jewelry he sports and square his accounts.

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS.

The developments of the past week in the Alaska and Wells-Fargo investigations have revealed certain things, which will probably have a good effect here upon Washington correspondence. In the one case, a correspondent is convicted of having meddled with the only dirty phase of the Alaska purchase, and as a consequence has lost caste and reputation with the public. In the other case another correspondent is convicted of a recklessness of statement, little short of criminality, which proves him utterly unsafe and incompetent in his position. If this does not improve the character of correspondence from Washington nothing will.

Quite a scene occurred yesterday before the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, of which Hon. JOHN COVODE is Chairman. Mr. F. P. STANTON appeared as counsel in behalf of certain parties who have a bill before the Committee. Mr. COVODE declared that no man who had received $5,000 of the Alaska money could be heard before that Committee, and Mr. STANTON was obliged to depart. Mr. COVODE is a warm personal friend of Mr. PAINTER, who didn't get any of the Alaska money.

THE OVERLAND MAIL CONTRACT.

The report on the Wells, Fargo & Co. contract will be prepared during the coming week. The Committee have taken all the testimony they desire on the subject, and will dispose of the matter without any delay.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Feb. 7.

GEN. SPINNER.

The speculations relative to the appointment of Gen. SPINNER as Secretary of the Treasury are the mere assertions of friends, as it is known that he would not accept the office even if it were tendered to him by Gen. GRANT. Prominent gentlemen in New-York, however, have written to him expressing the hope that he may be appointed Collector of Customs for that City.

MONTANA LAND SURVEY.

Commissioner WILSON, of the General Land Office, has just received advices from the Surveyor-General, at Helena, Montana, showing the completion of the survey of four additional townships in the valley of Deer Lodge River, a tributary of the Hell Gate, in Deer Lodge County, Montana, embracing an area of 91,767 acres. The tract is well watered by several small streams, affluents of Deer Lodge Creek, and is nearly equally divided between bottom and uplands. The timber, which consists chiefly of cottonwood, alder and birch, is confined to the margins of the streams. Some parts of the bottom lands are low and wet, but are generally level, and, where irrigation is practicable, are valuable for agricultural purposes. The uplands are generally rolling, with a second-rate soil, clothed with a fine growth of excellent grass and affording a fine stock range. Deer Lodge City, a thriving place of 250 inhabitants, is situated on this tract. Only one gold-bearing vein is known to exist on this tract. A considerable portion of these lands have already been taken up by actual settlers, some of whom have made fine improvements. There is a large amount of fine land, included in this survey, still unoccupied.

THE REBEL PRISONER BRAINE.

Senator MCCREERY and others had a long interview yesterday with Attorney-General EVARTS in relation to the release of JOHN C. BRAINE, of the Confederate navy. Mr. EVARTS expressed some doubts as to whether BRAINE's case could be reached under the President's amnesty proclamation, but listened attentively and favorably to the plea for mercy.

APPOINTMENT OF MIDSHIPMEN.

The President recently approved the act authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Navy to make the appointment of midshipmen to the United States Naval Academy, on or before the 4th of March next, from any State in which the election of members of the House of Representatives of the Forty-first Congress does not by law take place previous to the 1st of July, 1869, upon the nomination of members of the House of Representatives from such States in the present Congress, provided no such appointment shall be made from a State not by law entitled to appointment of midshipmen in the year 1869.

The Telegraph and the Coast Survey.

From the Buffalo Courier, Feb. 6.

The United States Coast Survey is now engaged in taking astronomical observations to establish the exact longitude of several far West-

FROM EUROPE.

The Alabama Question—The Anglo-American Conference—Britain Unprepared for War—Increase of Pauperism—Statistics of Taxation—Machinery vs. Hands.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 30, 1869.

Since the news that the treaty of perpetual concord and amity between England and America had been signed, sealed and delivered over to the Senate for ratification—here there is no such ceremony—the popularity of the American Minister has, if possible, increased. He has been to Luton in Bedfordshire, cheered at the Temple, and has been invited to Bradford. At Luton, which is a town of some 20,000 inhabitants, mostly engaged in the straw-plaiting business, he was invited to assist at the ceremony of opening a new Plait Hall, a mart of exchange for the straw-platters. They gave him an address, beautifully engrossed on parchment. He has cords of them. He made a formal reply in writing to the address, which was read by our scholarly Secretary of Legation—Mr. MORAN. At the dinner, without which nothing of either a business or festive character is ever done in England, Mr. JOHNSON was toasted by Lord COWPER, and then, warmed with patriotism, good-fellowship and other good things, Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON made one of those speeches which have immeasurably tickled the whole British nation, and made them willing to pay for the depredations of fifty Alabamas, as a cheap recompense for sending them such a jolly Minister. Mr. JOHNSON complimented Luton and everybody in it. The place is really one of the hardest and dullest in England; ignorant, because all the children for generations have been set to plaiting straw when they should have been learning their letters, and reduced of late into unusual poverty by the present fashion of bonnets. But Mr. JOHNSON knew where to take them. The women of Luton and all women he considered the finest of created beings, and the present fashion of bonnets the most detestable that can be conceived. For his part, he admired the old fashions, and hoped they would soon come back again. The Lutonians cheered with extacy. Mr. JOHNSON tells the English that they are the greatest people in the world, except their posterity, the Americans. No country is so free and intelligent as England—except America. They will soon have as extended a suffrage, as liberal institutions, and speak English as well as we do. And as America, after all, is the child of England—a bright boy to be proud of—and the two together to be henceforth and forever a match for all creation, compared with whom, indeed, all creation is not worth mentioning, they go off into paroxysms of cheers and laughter, and grow frantic and hysterical in their admiration of the witty and eloquent Minister who has come to cement an eternal alliance between the two countries.

It must not be supposed that Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON ever truckles for favor to the English. He knows a heap better than that. Always and everywhere he carries the starry flag high above the crosses of the Union Jack. America is so far ahead of England, that she can afford to be patronising and magnanimous, and, as he explained at Luton, even her seeming faults are real virtue. In the late war, for example, he said, the North violated the Constitution, no doubt, but it was only out of love to it and in order to preserve it; while the sole motive of the South in seceding from the Union, was to preserve intact the principles of republicanism and of the Constitution which they thought were being violated. Both parties were thus animated by the highest and best possible motives, and now that their little misunderstanding had been explained by Gen. GRANT and other logicians, they were better friends and more firmly united than ever. In short, the future safety of England can only be assured by doing the right thing and keeping the friendship of America. After all, he says, with irresistible good-natured benevolence, we are the same people, and it would be the greatest pity in the world if you compelled us to blow your Empire into fragments, when we could get along so comfortably as friends and allies.

And England is more and more in a condition to feel this. All Europe is aroused, as men were never aroused before. A telegram flashed out from Berlin would set one million of men in motion, fully prepared for conflict, and armed with the needle gun and steel artillery. A telegram from Paris would make France bristle with twelve hundred thousand bayonets, quivering with the national enthusiasm. Austria has eight hundred thousand men, never so well organized as now. Russia, over her vast dominions, may have a million and a half of soldiers. Europe is over a volcano which may at any moment burst into tremendous eruption; under an avalanche of destruction which the voice of one madman may precipitate upon her; in a vast powder magazine which a single spark may explode. Greece, Bulgaria—obscure tribes whose names we scarcely know by sight and could not possibly pronounce—may light the conflagration of a war more deadly than the earth has seen, prepared for by all the science and skill developed by the highest civilization. For it cannot be disputed that more of human ingenuity for the last twenty years has been devoted to the one object of mutual destruction in war, than to all measures for the improvement of the health and happiness of mankind.

In the event of an explosion of the ready materials, of the use of the men trained and the tools prepared, depending on the mere will and word of not merely one man, but one of eight or ten men, either of whom might speak the fatal word, England relies upon her insular position and her naval power. Army, compared with European armies, she has none. Her hundred and fifty thousand brave volunteers have neither arms nor organization to fit them for active service in the field. If a French army could cross the Channel—if the Channel fleet could be defeated, or even held two hours at bay—London could be occupied, and terms of peace dictated from the halls of Westminster. The fortresses on which so many millions have been expended will never fire a gun. The chances of a naval conflict alone are between England and the humiliation of such an invasion. Even were America her ally, as against France she is too distant to prevent the catastrophe. The real safety of England is her alliance with France and the lack of motive for war between them. As long as the Emperor lives and feels his place secure, and England does what he requires, there is no danger, but suppose a state of things in which the welfare of France required the annexation of Belgium, or other wiping out of the stain of Waterloo!

INCREASE OF PAUPERISM.

I am afraid that pauperism increases faster in England than Papery, and that it will be harder on the ratepayers, for neither preaching nor Parliament can put it down. In December, 1868, there were in London, 105,193 persons supported, wholly or in part, by the rates. In December, 1868, there were 143,408—an increase of 40,000. As a pauper with a certain amount of energy, and a certain lack of scruples, becomes a thief, and levies contributions upon individuals, he saves so much to the rate-payers. The world owes him a living, and he takes his own way of collecting his dues. To the one hundred and forty odd thousand paupers in London who quietly take what is given them, you may add 60,000 beggars, thieves, recipients in various guises of the common stock of wealth produced by industry, the whole amount of which is a burden upon labor. Not a penny, not a potato, not a loaf of bread or pound of meat comes in any other way. Whoever eats one meal he has not earned eats to that extent into the earnings of his neighbor, and by so much does as he would not be done by; and this rule applies as well to the Earl of Derby and the Marquis of Bute as to the poorest pauper in Great Britain. The United Kingdom, with organization of industry and an economical development and fair division of its resources, could sustain in great comfort a population of about forty millions. As it is wealth increases the rich grow richer, trade expands, manufactures are perfected; distant populations are made tributary by commerce and by loans of capital, the life-blood of nations is sucked away by loans at exhorbitant rates of interest, while great masses of the English people sink through hopeless poverty and pauperism into preventable disease, and premature mortality. This is shown by the merest glance at the weekly tables of the Registrar-General. In a rural district the death rate is 12 or 15 in 1,000 per annum. In London, good and bad, rich and poor, it is 24; in Salford, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, it rises to 30, 35, 40 in a thousand. That is, there are English towns where, out of every 4,000 persons who die, 3,000 are murdered. Three deaths in four are unnatural, violent, preventable, and for them somebody is answerable. There are places and employments where the mortality is double and treble the normal standard, where the average life is not more than eighteen or twenty years, instead of thirty-five or forty as in others, or sixty to seventy, as it might be everywhere. There are places in England, of course the most crowded and wretched, where half that are born do not live five years, and a man of forty is looked upon as a patriarch. Surely, such places are a disgrace to science, civilization and humanity—sores that ought to be healed, plague spots that ought to be cured, even if sanitary, actual or potential, were needed to do it.

England may have some excuse for creating, breeding, and enduring such things. It is a country of slow intelligence, slow movements, running in old deep-worn ruts hard to get out of—tied up in the red tape of precedents, blind and bigoted—but still struggling for reform, working, on the whole, with a manly vigor toward a better system of life. But America, young, bright, intelligent, and free—I do not mean politically so much as morally, socially, and intellectually—has no excuse for falling into or enduring such evils. She has immeasurable riches of land, coal, iron, silver, gold. Her debt, reduced one-half, either in principal or interest, as it readily can be by the means I have already described, might all be placed as rent upon the public lands, and never heard of more. A system of agricultural colonies, thoroughly organized, would relieve the large cities of their burdens, and convert the waste lands of the West and South into gardens of beauty and fertility. Let New-York begin with Long Island, close at hand, and Philadelphia with the warm plains of southern New-Jersey, spreading over them the riches now washed down every sewer into the sea. When I look at the millions of square miles of fertile earth and glorious sunshine in North and South America, Africa and Australia, I am simply shocked with discussions on pauperism and over-population. It will be time enough to talk of the population question when the earth has been subdued, and its unimagined resources developed.

STATISTICS OF TAXATION.

Since I am in the neighborhood of economics and statistics, the following items of English taxation may be of interest. The taxes (except local and poor rates) for the United Kingdom amounted last year to £83,700,000—$418,500,000 gold. Of this sum, property and income paid, £17,071,000; semi-necessaries, as tea, coffee, &c.—what Mr. BRIGHT calls the breakfast table, and which he proposes to set free—with certain matters of pomp and circumstance, armorial bearings, servants, equipages, plate, &c., paid £9,470,000; drink and tobacco, £29,120,000. The single vice of drunkenness pays a tax of £10,000,000; and this over and above a moderate allowance of liquors. This tax paid by drunkards costs—who shall say how much in idleness, pauperism and crime? These taxes fall heavily upon those least able to bear them, even the temperate and careful. A man with an income of £10,000 a year pays in taxes £960; a man with £500 a year, £52; a workman who gets but £70 a year pays £5 taxes—even if he abstain from liquors and tobacco. These, however, are but approximations to the truth. The burden upon men differs greatly; money pays a pretty even percentage. The real difference is between the respective burdens of men and women who never do an hour's useful work in their lives, living in every comfort and luxury, and those whose whole lives are one scene of toil and privation. What are we to say, for example, in a country where a certain number of persons die every week of starvation—where thousands perish of want and misery, of a fact like this:

"The silver plate belonging to the Duke of Norfolk, which had been locked up in Messrs. SMITH & PAYNE's bank since the death of the late Duke, has been once more taken from its concealment. The plate is said to weigh a ton and a half, and is valued at £50,000."

Of course, the young Duke has had no control of the matter, but I do not see how he could walk comfortably, through square miles of starvation—through the squalor of great districts of this metropolis with £50,000 worth of silver plate, lying useless at any banker's, which value invested in some useful work would provide a comfortable subsistence for hundreds.

MACHINERY VERSUS HANDS.

The jewelry shops of London display vast quantities of not very useful wealth, but they just now glitter with a show which cannot be pleasant to one class of workingmen—machine-made watches in alluminum bronze cases—"American gold." You can buy a splendid-looking and warranted accurate watch for four or five dollars. A massive alluminum chain to match may cost a dollar more. It was bad enough to see a magnificent Swiss watch manufactory opened in the Strand, close by the Munich and Vienna beer-houses. But watches by machinery may be given a heavier blow to the English workman. For this, in a commercial and free-trade country, there is no help. A brickmaker can smash a brick machine; a stonemason, in the interest of his craft, may refuse to lay a stone cut by machinery until it has been battered, and cut over by hand, but how can we be prevented from wearing machine-made watches, which will soon be sold for a dollar?

Now and then an invention comes out that moves our admiration and hurts nobody. Capt. INGLEFIELD, of the Royal Navy, has invented a mode of steering ships by hydrostatic pressure—the pressure of the water in which the vessel floats. The apparatus is, of course, below the water line, and it can be controlled from any part of the vessel. The Captain, sitting in the cabin of the largest iron-clad, with a compass beside him, can steer her with his thumb and finger. If that is not a pretty invention, I know nothing about mechanics; and so simple you wonder that Noah had not thought of it in the ark, as he doubtless would have done, if he had propelled by steam, and cared which way he was steering.

MONADNOCK.

Letter from Senator Wilson.

The Austin (Texas) *Republican* publishes the following letter from Senator WILSON on the proposed division of that State and disfranchisement:

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 4, 1869.

E. B. Turner:

DEAR SIR—Your communication of the 12th ult. I found on my return from Massachusetts. The ruling I can but be deeply interested in the action of which I inquire. Depending the progress of dividing Texas, I have not time to write you a letter on that score, for I hardly think there are twenty members of Congress who would look with favor upon the proposition.

As to the matter of disfranchisement, that will be left to the States. But I would be sorry to see many more stringent than the fourteenth article. The fewer disabilities we can get along with safely the sooner we shall get out of our present troubles. There may be some risk and present inconvenience, but the principle I think so be right, and on the whole best.

I hope the people of Texas will adopt a good Constitution, and be soon represented in Congress.

Very truly, yours,

H. WILSON.

BRIDGE TO BROOKLYN.

New-York Harbor Improvement—Plan for Connecting New-York and Brooklyn with Causeways.

No. 42 PINE-STREET,
NEW-YORK, Friday, Feb. 5, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The interest expressed in private and public in reference to the matter of communication between New-York and Brooklyn, and the differences of opinion expressed as to the best means of communication, induce me to request an opportunity of explaining a plan which has occupied my attention for a number of years, while professionally occupied in this locality, and which is properly defined by the title to this article.

About ten years ago, while engaged on the Brooklyn Water Works, I was consulted by GEO. S. HOWLAND, Esq., a prominent merchant of Brooklyn, as to the merits of a plan for bridging the East River, which was outlined in writing by him, to consist of alternate blocks and spans, near tide level, with drawbridges. The examinations made at his instance, in connection with much previous knowledge of the tidal and current actions of the harbor and its affluents, obtained in the naval and civil engineer corps, led me to advise a change in the plan suggested, in favor of a solid causeway, with adequate guard locks, warehouses, avenues, and other details of construction and operation.

Since that time, incidental or formal recommendations of the same plan have been made, and the subject was discussed somewhat at length in a Report on the Improvement of the Hudson River, made in 1867, and published in the New-York State Engineer's Report for that year. More recently I have revised the original notes, for adaptation to the present conditions of construction.

My original examination was directed toward the transfer of a large portion of the East River into a wet basin, by the use of a causeway at each end of the section selected, one near Fulton Ferry and the other above Corlear's Hook. As nearly all the advantages to the Harbor will be secured by one of these, and its construction will greatly facilitate that of the second, I have confined the present plan and estimates to the upper causeway, which as to length, depth of waterway, and quantities of material, will cost more, as located, than if placed near the Fulton Ferry.

This location does not directly accommodate the usual transit of the Union Ferry lines, but it has several local advantages. Except for repair and construction large vessels are not much seen above Corlear's Hook, and a causeway between Delancey-street, New-York, and South Sixth-street, Brooklyn, will be above the ocean district of ordinary loading and unloading, anchorage and other direct commercial uses, while in case of an adequate improvement of Hell Gate, which nothing but a causeway will effect, this will be a natural dividing line between the Sound and Harbor commerce. Being above the Navy-yard, which does not send vessels to sea *via* Hell Gate, except at rare intervals, it obviates an objection at Washington on this account, though the advantages to the naval service at the yard, which follow a reduction of the East River tidal currents, largely outweigh any objections to a causeway guard lock, wherever located. Being in the direct line of communication *via* South Sixth-street and Broadway with the entire district of Brooklyn, which is to be developed, and in fact, as near the corner of Clinton and Fulton avenues as the Fulton Ferry, and joining New-York in the immediate vicinity of Grand-street, it provides amply for transit to the greater part of Brooklyn, from a densely populated and readily accessible district of New-York. In point of construction it has the advantages of shoal water and a current eddy about half way from New-York, so that the causeway, and guard locks can be constructed on the entire west end, without serious hindrance from, or increase of, the usual tidal currents, much reducing the expense and hindrances of completing the work, though these are not formidable in character for a lower location. Existing ferries are interfered with much less on this line.

The plan proposed is to build a solid causeway from bulkhead to bulkhead, 450 feet wide, to have not less than two guard locks of 90 feet width and 30 feet waterway, with 395 feet clear lockage, worked by caisson gates; the causeway to have five lines of transit—one central avenue, 60 to 110 feet wide, with a swing bridge over the locks; two side streets, one crossing each caisson as a bridge, and two tunnel streets, passing under the locks, for railway, pneumatic and other uninterrupted conveyances, a large engine and boiler-room being provided for use of power at the locks, on the wharves, in the tunnels and otherwise.

In case this causeway is located near the Fulton Ferry, and it is desirable to maintain an avenue at the City Hall Park level, the central avenue can be readily adapted to this end by raising the pivot centre of the swing bridge, and carrying its grade along the upper warehouse floors.

On this causeway, as thus arranged, 70 warehouses, 5 stories high, and 50 feet front, 140 to 155 feet deep can be located, with connection by arches over the central avenue, and with all the modern facilities for commercial storage and shipment.

The main foundation of this work will be of rip-rap stone walls on each side, dumped from lighters, except for a portion of the guard lock foundations, which will be piled and prepared for sinking proper caissons to contain the masonry walls, and the interior of the causeway, between the rip-rap walls, will be gravel filling; the process of construction beginning with the guard locks and followed by the rip-rap walls to a level fifteen feet below low tide; from this level on each side, from the guard locks to the bulkheads, a line of substantial cribwork will be sunk, and filled with stone and concrete to low tide; above this a sea wall in masonry will be built to five feet above mean high tide, which is the street level of the whole structure. With the exception of the tunnel line immediately below the guard locks, and provided for in the masonry caissons, the tunnels will be constructed in a "thorough cut," after the gravel fill is properly and sufficiently made, and will occupy the centre line of the structure. For convenience of arrangement the tunnels, in the plan made, descend by a zigzag roadway, with three and a half feet grade per hundred, a feature easily modified if occasion requires. The size or number of the locks can also be readily changed.

My estimate of cost is, for

Rip-rap walls..	$651,255	Engine, &c.....	$50,000
Earth fill.....	968,000	Warehouses....	1,750,000
Guard locks...	1,104,400	Land and other	
Sea wall	496,875	damages	200,000
Tunnels.....	791,625	Contingencies .	700,845
Swing bridge..	16,000		
Total.....			$6,000,000

This estimate is intended, in its details, to include a reasonable margin of contractors' profit, aside from the item of contingencies, the quantities being determined with as much accuracy as the sources of information under my individual control would permit. The aggregate estimate of income is about thirteen per cent on this expenditure, from tolls and warehouses.

The immediate intention and effect of this structure is, in my opinion, to benefit the Harbor in three important directions, as primary conditions of its construction, while, as an adequate line of transit between the two great cities and in various other secondary particulars, it is also a municipal benefit.

As a harbor improvement the cessation of the present excessive tidal currents of the East River will relieve, as is possible in no other way, the obstructions to navigation at Sandy Hook, at Hell Gate, and below Albany in the Hudson, while it will entirely relieve several incidental hindrances to harbor commerce. These points cannot be properly discussed in the range of this article, and must be briefly outlined.

Any careful study of the tidal currents in the Harbor and Sound will show that the East River, twice a day, not only becomes an outlet of the Hudson River into the Sound, but also throws into the Sound, on each flood tide, a large portion of the Sandy Hook flood, which goes out to sea again *via* Montauk Point. Practically the East River is *an inlet of the Sound* from the harbor.

This arises from the singular manner in which the Sandy Hook flood-tide precedes that of Montauk Point, and the difference of distance in their tidal run. Bridgeport, forty miles east of Throg's Neck, is about halfway between Sandy Hook and Montauk Point, and the flood-rum of the latter is from fifty to sixty minutes later than at Sandy Hook. If the velocities of the waves of oscillation and translation were equal, the tides would meet about a half hour's run east of Bridgeport, but the friction of the East River gorge reduces the speed of our flood, so that the meeting is delayed to about ten miles west of Brid

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

—*An Illustrated History of Ireland.* By A. R. HALLY. (New-York: Catholic Publication Society.) The history of Ireland was a history that nobody ever thought of reading, as persons read other histories, because it was the history of a nation people—peculiar, simple, pastoral, under the geographical destiny which placed them in the ocean, and the world no more cares to entertain a nation's story of an individual, with country, than the story of a pebble or a pewter mug. Ireland has been a distinct people and a nation, and its ancient tales are also maps of Ireland, chronicle, story. There are also maps of Wales, and it is the whole a very graphical and artistic. It is on the whole as much possible about the ancient history of this country, and recommend that history to thousands who never before cared to give this subject a thought. The book, by the typography of the Kenedys, does honor to the typography of the Union. Many now Ireland will comply with all the requirements of the Catholic Publication Society.

—*Letter Verse of Living.* By A. B. CHILD, M.D. (Boston: Adams & Co.) This is a genuine book in Boston. It introduces religion, "Religion," says the Doctor, "is the rearing of the heart for something not possessed. Religion is simply desire." He might have added, poetically:

"The desire of the moth for the star,
The inspiration of the heart for heaven."

"From the sphere of our sorrow."

The longing of conscious fear

Is the sphere of our success."

This would have been a good quote for his book; but we dare quote from poor Peter Bulkley. Dr. Child says, "every religion is divine, and every faith is true." We don't know what a confess of Confucius is as respects religion, but we know that the doctrine of Mahomet and Confucius is not the doctrine of Jesus. Confucius, in regard to the condition of the people, was the wisest of men; but in his conduct of the Jewish Church Christ was infinitely wiser than Solomon. Mahomet and Confucius, in regard to the condition of the people, were the basest of men. Mahomet and Confucius, in regard to the condition of the people, were the basest of men. Mahomet and Confucius, in regard to the condition of the people, were the basest of men

HOW IT HAPPENED.

FROM THE LAYS OF TIRULLIS.

BY JOHN G. SAXE.

"Ah! we love each other well,
Better far than words can tell,"
Said my charmer—but in vain
Are my efforts to explain
How it happened!—Tell me now,
Dearest, of the why and how!
Since the fact we cannot doubt,
Tell me how it came about."

Well, my darling, I will try
To explain the how and why,
Speaking for myself—not you—
That, of course, I cannot do—
Not your (brilliant) mind alone
Could have thus enthralled my own;
Not the charm of every grace
Beaming from your sunny face;
Not your voice—though music be
Less melodious to me—
Not your kisses—sweet as fair
Than the drops of Hybla are;
None of these, from each apart,
Could have so entranced my heart;
Nay not even the wondrous whole
Could have fixed my wayward soul;
Had not love—your love—prevailed,
All the rest had surely failed—

There! you have the reason, dear;
Is the explanation clear?

THE PROPHECY;

OR,

THE BRIDE OF FATE.

BY EMMA E. BURT.

CHAPTER I.

A HEARTLESS OLD MAN.

The night was cold and blustering: the wind wailed around the gables of an old Virginia mansion, but it finally exhausted itself, and the soft, muffled sound of falling snow filled the atmosphere.

The history of the refined family who had occupied the decaying mansion was one of common occurrence in the Old Dominion in its palmy days. From father to son they had lived beyond their means, keeping open house, and entertaining all who asked hospitality at their hands, with a recklessness of expense that was almost royal in its profusion.

Acre after acre was shorn from their broad domains, till the Vale, as the old place was called, came with the passionate ardor of a lover, and won it. Fanny imagined herself the heroine of a romance, and anticipated persecution at the hands of her father if she refused to give herself to her unknown cousin.

She thought her lover the handsomest and most fascinating of men; what were rank and wealth when placed in comparison with a life passed with Harry Hurst, even in obscurity? She answered the question as most girls of her age would have done, by vowing eternal constancy to her adorer.

CHAPTER II.

THE DISOWNED DAUGHTER.

Clement Falconer arrived in due time. He was a bluff-looking Englishman, about thirty-five years of age, with a frank manner that, at times, was almost brusque. He admired the delicate beauty of his proposed bride, and supposing that the affair was already settled, and Fanny ready to pick up the handkerchief when he deigned to throw it, he made few love-like advances and fewer pretty speeches to the lady he had crossed the Atlantic to win. "To come, to see, to conquer," was his idea of his present venture; but Fanny had no idea of being taken possession of in this indifferent fashion; she had listened to the breathings of passionate adoration from lips she thought touched with divine eloquence, and she turned from this matter-of-fact wooer with a feeling little short of loathing.

To appeal to her father would, she knew, be useless; the first effect of her remonstrance would probably be imprisonment in her own room, from which she would not be permitted to emerge until her consent to give her hand to her cousin had been wrung from her. On this reasoning she acted, and when the preparations for her marriage were actually begun, she communicated secretly with her lover, and arrangements were made for an elopement.

These were successfully carried into effect, and one morning Mr. Falconer was aroused from his late slumbers to learn that his daughter was not to be found in the house; that the grounds had been vainly searched for her, and there was little doubt that she had run away from the bridegroom provided for her.

To paint the anger and dismay of the father would be a vain attempt. He stormed, he raged through many hours, and when those who had gone in pursuit of the missing girl returned with the information that she was already the wife of Harry Hurst, he uttered a curse so bitter that those around him shrank from his cruel words.

The forsaken bridegroom spoke in defence of the runaway:

"Nay, nay, cousin, recall those words—you cannot mean them. Though Fanny has treated me badly, I can forgive her, and so will you, her only parent, when your wrath has had time to cool."

"That proves how little you know me," was the savage response. "I never forgive. She knew that when she defied me, but she did not care. Let her go with the beggar she has chosen, and sup poverty to the dregs; she may die in a ditch, and I will not put out my hand to help her."

"Tut, tut! that is nonsense. After all, Fanny is your child. You could not be so hard with her."

"Couldn't I? Well—we shall see. She is no longer my child—I disown her now and forever. When I had settled everything—when a future so brilliant was within her grasp, she has elected to mar her own fate and link it with that of a man who has nothing—nothing but a handsome person and an oily tongue. Perdition seize them, I say, and I mean it, too!"

Clement made no reply to this, for he saw that Mr. Falconer was too much excited to listen to any excuse he might attempt to offer for his daughter's conduct. He went out to expedite the preparations for his own departure, and soon went away, never to return. He made a lengthened tour through the United States, and saw all that was most interesting to a thoughtful and cultivated mind like his; and finally, in a quiet Southern village, he made the acquaintance of a poor but learned Professor in a college of small repute; was invited to his house, and there saw his daughter—a girl of twenty, with whom he fell desperately in love. His heart had never been touched by his cousin; he had admired her, was willing to accept her as his wife, and had fancied that to be all that was necessary to respectable happiness in his station of life.

But Marion Bertrand taught him a different lesson. Her dark, brilliant beauty, her passionate nature, was a new revelation to him; and, before the calm, middle-aged man was aware of his danger, he was made captive by this young syren, married her privately, and remained in domestic felicity till he was summoned to his native land by the illness of his uncle, Lord Rochdale. He sailed from a Southern port, leaving his wife behind till he should be able to reconcile his aristocratic connections to his plebeian marriage. The vessel on which he sailed was wrecked, and every soul on board was lost. Marion was repudiated by her husband's connections, and the claims of her baby boy were set aside in favor of a younger sister of Lord Rochdale. In a few years Marion married a Mr. Melrose, removed with him to Virginia, and settled on a valuable farm within a few miles of the Vale, where the vindictive old Mr. Falconer was passing his solitary life. Marion was aware of the connection between that gentleman and her former husband, but she rarely spoke of it; her young son bore the name of her present husband, and as Clement Melrose he was known to the neighborhood.

Within a mile of her residence was an humble cottage, with a few acres of badly-kept land around it, which was the home of Mrs. Hurst, the discarded daughter of Mr. Falconer. The old man had kept his word, and every overture toward a reconciliation was harshly refused. The fortune of Hurst was small, and from year to year it diminished under his careless management. He was not a man of business habits, and he had little steadiness of character. He loved his wife, and was always kind and gentle with her, but both soon awoke from their romantic dream of love in a cottage, to find how utterly they were unsuited to the life they had embraced. Poverty came swiftly enough, but love did not forsake them; they clung together through all, and bore their hardships as only united hearts can bear them; for

"Love will make endurable a thing which else
Would overset the brain or break the heart."

Utter ruin came at length; and, in a state of desperation, Mrs. Hurst took her only surviving child, Mary, a lovely girl of fifteen, and set out to make a last appeal to her father. But she found the old man as relentless as fate itself. He drove them from his presence with bitter taunts, and finally threatened to set his bloodhound on them if they did not instantly leave his premises. They turned to go, when the merciless old man cried out:

"Stop—let me say a few parting words; as they are the last I shall ever address to either of you, you may spare time to listen to them."

His daughter paused as if spell-bound, sustaining her trembling form on the arm of her excited child. Mr. Falconer pitilessly went on:

"Like me, you have but one child, and she a daughter. May she bring home to you the sorrow and disappointment I have suffered through you. May she follow her own blind will in defiance of you, and find what you have found—misery and degradation as her portion; the child of such parents merits no better fate."

Having uttered these terrible words, he wheeled, and suddenly disappeared among the thick shrubbery, whistling his dog to follow him.

Mrs. Hurst sunk down completely overwhelmed. Mary knelt beside her, chafed her cold hand, and finally aided her to rise to her feet, and drag her weary steps to their desolate home. At intervals, Mrs. Hurst pressed her handkerchief to her lips, and when they were once more in the lighted room at home Mary was shocked to see that it was stained with blood.

The violent emotion which Mrs. Hurst had undergone, had caused her to rupture a blood-vessel in her lungs, and in spite of all the aid that could be rendered to her, before morning dawned the worn spirit was at rest.

They laid her in the neighboring churchyard beside her mother, and the two bereaved ones prepared to leave the humble cottage which had so long sheltered them; and Harry Hurst, ruined in fortune and broken in spirit, went forth with his young daughter as unfit to cope with the outside world as she was to combat it.

Mrs. Melrose was very fond of Mrs. Hurst's orphan child, and she wished very much to adopt her; but Mary's father had left her in charge of his friends, and she would not listen to any entreaties that could separate them. He had a friend in Philadelphia who would help him to get into employment, he said, and to that city he went. Those who had known him in his country home lost sight of him from that day, and what his fate was, or that of the fair girl who accompanied him, remained a mystery to them.

If Mr. Falconer was struck with remorse for the harshness which had doomed so fatally no one knew it, for he went on his way as calmly and immovably, as if nothing had happened to trouble or annoy him. As time passed on, and years came and went, even the memory of the discarded daughter was lost. The old man fell into the last decrepitude of age, and to prevent the small remnant of his estate from passing into the hands of his daughter's descendants, he sold the Vale, as before stated, to Mr. Ashford, who had farmed it for several years past, with the proviso that he (Falconer) was to be taken care of as long as he lived, and buried respectably at his decease.

CHAPTER III.

A HOPELESS DEATH-BED.

Such was the retrospect that passed through the mind of that old man, hovering on the brink of the great change. As the morning light penetrated to his room, he knew it was the last time his eyes would unclose to behold it, and he was not sorry that it was so. Life had become a weary burden to him, and he was willing to lay it down in that last slumber from which he believed there was no awakening.

He was attended by Mrs. Ashford, a faded and disheartened-looking woman, of middle age. Mrs. Ashford had been the principal of a flourishing seminary before her marriage, and had accumulated several thousand dollars. Mr. Ashford was one of her assistant teachers, and had married her for her money. She had loved him, because he looked like a corsair and was a fine scholar. Ashford was a tyrant, and a canting hypocrite. He had got his wife's money into his possession, and reduced her to a state of domestic slavery, and was now meditating a flight to Europe with all her wealth, intending to leave her and their little daughter Fantasia to shift for themselves.

Ashford hated his wife and also his child; and the latter returned his hate. Fanty, as Mrs. Ashford called the child, was a bright, daring little creature, and the idol of her mother's heart. She called her mother Chubb., a contraction of Cherub, which was the name Mr. Ashford had called his wife before marriage, and which he had continued out of satirical spite after she had found him out.

When Ashford bought the Vale, and agreed to take care of old Mr. Falconer as long as the latter should live, he supposed he would die in a few years. But the vindictive old man had taken the avaricious hypocrite in sadly. He had lived on for twenty years to the intense disgust of Ashford, who regarded his tenacious hold on life as an outrage and a swindle. Right glad was Ashford, therefore, on the morning on which our story opens, to learn, at last, that the old man wanted Mr. Whitney, the lawyer of the vicinity, to come and draw his will, as he felt sure he should expire by the hour of noon, in accordance with a prophecy of the Falconer family.

Ashford had been for the lawyer, and was waiting for his wife to serve breakfast, which she was preparing to do, when a wild cry from Fanty drew her hurriedly to a portico in the rear of the house, from which the sound proceeded.

Breathless with dread lest some misfortune had happened to her darling, Mrs. Ashford rushed out, and saw her bending over a large wicker basket, on the top of which was written in a large, clear hand:

"A present for Mr. and Mrs. Ashford."

The child exclaimed:

"Oh, Chub, there's a puppy or a kitten in there, for I hear it scuffin'. Oh my! how nice! but what did it come in a basket for?"

In bewildered astonishment, Mrs. Ashford lifted the basket, and carried it into the kitchen. As she set it down, a faint wail came from the occupant, and she gasped:

"Good Heavens! it is a child! Why on earth was it brought here of all places in the world, and what am I to do with it? Apollo (the name by which she called her husband) will never let it stay, for he hates children, and he has no patience with his own."

She gathered courage to untie the arched lid that was securely fastened down, and nestled in warm blankets was a fair, plump child of about two years of age. The blue eyes half unclosed as the folds of flannel that enveloped it were turned back, but they dropped to again as if unable to wrestle with the narcotic with which it had evidently been drugged.

Mrs. Ashford was passionately fond of children, and she lifted the little waif tenderly in her arms, and examined it with gentle care. The clothing it wore was perfectly plain, though of fine material and daintily made. On its bosom was pinned a scrap of paper, on which was scrawled in nearly illegible letters:

"Her name is Violetta, and as you deal with her, may God reward or punish you."

During this time Fantasia was dancing and clapping her hands, uttering shrill cries of delight over the newly-found treasure.

"A baby's better'n a puppy, Chub., an' I'm goin' to have it to play with; oh, my! aint it nice?"

At that moment Mr. Ashford came into the kitchen, and viciously snapped out:

"What's all this clamor about, and the breakfast burning to a cinder? I smell it now; it won't be fit for a pig to eat. What's that you've got there, and where did it come from?"

His wife held the sleeping child toward him, and said:

"You can see for yourself what it is, but it is a strange present to be sent to us. If you will take her a moment, I'll look after the birds. I am afraid they are scorching a little."

"Upon my word, madam, you take this very coolly—it's the most unheard-of impudence in whoever sent this brat here, and I am not going to be burdened with it, I can assure you. Put her back where she came from, and look after your proper business. When breakfast is over, I'll see that the basket and its contents are packed off to the Poorhouse."

Mrs. Ashford knew there was no appeal from this decision, but she timidly suggested, "Maybe there is something in the basket that may make you change your mind. Hadn't you better look through it? The little thing looks as if she belongs to respectable people—that is, I mean people well to do, and she'd hardly be put on us, without giving something to keep her on. Everybody around knows that we are too poor to burden ourselves with a strange child with nothing to pay her way."

She knew that to appeal to her husband's cupidity was the only chance to interest him in the helpless little creature, and he proved that she understood his nature, by drawing nearer and stooping over the basket.

"There's some sense in what you say, and I'll look, but if there's nothing, I shall do as I said—send the brat to the Poorhouse. It's lucky that it is only a few miles distant."

As he spoke, he dived among the blankets in which the child had lain, and brought out a letter addressed to himself. On breaking the seal, his eyes sparkled at the sight of a bank note for a hundred dollars, and he rapidly skimmed over the lines addressed to himself, as follows:

"I am well acquainted with your character, Hiram Ashford, and I know the child I have taken the liberty of giving to you I could not have cherished consciously from your roof if she slept a week. To prevent this, I inclose a sufficient sum for her support for a year. As she grows older, the annuity will be increased in proportion to the outlay you will incur on her account, and at a future day it may be a good thing for you to have sheltered this helpless, but not friendless, little waif. Should any efforts be made to discover whence she came, or by whom she belongs, they are no concern of yours. I know your good wife to be a good woman, and to her care I especially recommend this little girl. Her name is Violetta, and while she remains with you she can be known as Violet Ashford. The time may come when her true name and position may be made known. It may be never known, she will, at least, be temporarily provided for."

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

It is reported that Prince FERDINAND will be a candidate for the Spanish throne. Queen ISABELLA has issued another proclamation, denouncing the revolution and announcing her right to the throne. Many rumors are circulated in Madrid relative to the probable action of the Cortes. It is believed that a Directory will be appointed, but how long the members will be empowered to serve is a matter of speculation. Many political arrests have been made of persons charged with being Carlists. The assassins of the Governor of Burgos are to be speedily executed.

The Powers represented in the Peace Conference have granted Greece eight days in which to accept or reject the peace protocol. The French Government, it is said, has received assurances that the protocol will be agreed to by Greece

GENERAL.

An insane man, named HOEFER, living near Hannibal, Mo., on Saturday strangled his daughter, aged 10 years, and then cut her body in two. He said he offered her as a sacrifice to Christ.

Major-Gen. AYERS, Inspector-General of the Department of the Gulf, has made an official report of the condition of affairs in the State of Arkansas. He corroborates the report made by Gen. HORACE PORTER, of Gen. GRANT's staff. He considers that the difficulty encountered in the execution of the laws in certain districts justified the Governor in calling out the militia. He further says that the misconduct of the militia has been greatly exaggerated in the reports given to the public.

At the burning of the International Hotel at St. Paul, on Wednesday night, a number of the guests were rescued only after great difficulty. Two State Senators and their wives were taken from the third floor by means of ladders. A Mr. HOLTOKE became bewildered in the halls and nearly stifled by smoke, but was rescued by a lady, against whose door he fell.

Gov. CHAMBERLAIN, of Maine, has reprieved CLIFTON HARRIS, the Auburn murderer, until March 12.

A few evenings since Mr. JOHN THOMPSON, City Marshal of Covington, Ky., arrested a man for highway robbery committed in the suburbs of the city a few hours before. The man surrendered quietly, but while on the way to jail suddenly drew a revolver and shot the Marshal in the abdomen and made his escape. Mr. THOMPSON'S wound is considered a very dangerous one.

Capt. ROSSEAU, of the Arkansas militia, against whom numberless charges have been preferred by the citizens of Woodruff County for outraging, blackmailing, &c., has been arrested and lodged in the penitentiary at Little Rock.

The Southern Press Convention will meet in Mobile on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

At Cincinnati recently the railroad companies got up a lively competition in the prices charged for carrying freight, which resulted in a reduction of their rates nearly one-half. This was found to be too expensive, and a compromise has been effected, whereby a new schedule of freight charges goes into effect to-day.

MICHAEL KAUFFMAN shot and killed a boy named EDWARD MILLER in Pittsburg, Penn., on Saturday last. The boy was looking into the barber's window, and did not go away when told to do so. KAUFFMAN fired at him through the window with a revolver, killing him instantly. It was with difficulty the officers prevented the crowd from lynching KAUFFMAN.

The financial agency of the Central Pacific Railroad announces that the first mortgage loan is closed in consequence of the very large negotiations of bonds since Jan 1. Less than 250 miles remain to connect the two eastern lines, and this gap will be closed in about one hundred days.

An unusual religious revival is in progress among the various Methodist Churches along the Hudson River, and the conversions are numerous.

Gen. GRANT attended church yesterday at St. Paul's, (Methodist,) and received an impromptu reception at the door. He received some friendly calls during the day, and dined at Mr. STEWART'S in the evening.

SIMON LOUGEE, who was knocked down by three men in Nineteenth-street on Friday, as about 6:30 P. M., and robbed of $126, has identified JAMES HEALEY, who is now in custody, as one of the robbers.

JOHN GREGORY, CHAS. ADAMS, JOHN L. MORGAN and JOHN HADDLEY have been arrested, charged with feloniously entering ROBT. HARRISON'S store, No. 81 Macdougal-street, and carrying off money, jewelry and watches.

Two thieves, who robbed the grocery store of ERNEST H. ROSE, corner of Tompkins-avenue and Quincy-street, Brooklyn, Saturday, were captured after a long chase. Their names are HENRY SCHNEIDER and PETER HAY.

The first anniversary of the Booth Missionary Association of the Mercer-street Church Sabbath School was held yesterday afternoon.

Rev. J. S. INSKIP, at the Greene-street M. E. Church, preached yesterday morning on "The Perils and Prospects of Protestantism."

The new Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mercy, in Debevoise-street, Brooklyn, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies yesterday.

Cotton was very active on Saturday, and quoted a fraction higher. Breadstuffs were in request and without marked changes in prices. Provisions were in less demand, closing less buoyantly. Groceries were in request and firm. Freights were dull and lower.

The Mania for Expansion—The St. Domingo Negotiations.

To persons of ordinary intelligence the proposition of Gen. BANKS to establish a protectorate over the Haytian and Dominican Republics, and the more recent resolution of Mr. ORTH, that the territory belonging to the latter "shall, on the application of the Government and the people of said Republic, be admitted into the Union as a Territory of the United States," are alike preposterous. We now have a clue to their origin in the reported presence and efforts at Washington of a person purporting to be the agent of BAEZ, the Dominican President, by whom he has been invested with "plenary power" to treat for the annexation of what was formerly the Spanish part of the island. And we are told that the scheme, crazy as it is, receives the friendly consideration of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

For the credit of the Committee, we trust that it will not be guilty of the folly of sanctioning, even by implication, a scheme so pregnant with mischief to this country. It is difficult to believe, indeed, that anybody purporting to represent BAEZ can possess any real authority to act for a population whose chronic condition is that of hostility to all permanent authority. Of BAEZ personally we know nothing. But this we all know, that neither in 1857, when BAEZ, as the clerical candidate, was elected President, nor in 1865, when he was again elected, has his possession of power been acquiesced in for more than a few months together. An insurrection deposed him in 1857, and again in 1866, and in the intervening period Domingo had more dictators or Presidents than we care to count. How firm is his title at present may be guessed from the mere mention of its origin as we find it in the last edition of SEAMAN'S *Progress of Nations*:

"President BAEZ fled to the Island of St. Thomas, and Gen. CABRAL was elected President in September of that year [1866.] The opponents of CABRAL incited an insurrection against his Government; several battles have been fought with various success, and in December, 1867, *the insurgents in the north part of the Republic issued a pronunciamiento proclaiming Baez President*; and now (at the close of the year 1867) *civil war exists in each of the negro Republics of that unfortunate island.* In fact, *a state of anarchy and civil war seems to be the normal condition of these negro populations.*"

The position of affairs has not since materially changed. A turn of the wheel has brought BAEZ once more into the Presidency, but he holds it by a tenure so fickle that his right to open negotiations for the transfer of the territory may well be doubted. In truth, while M. AGENARD, as the Minister of BAEZ, is receiving distinguished consideration at the hands of Washington politicians, the Cuban cable brings information that "the town of Seybo has pronounced against BAEZ and is in open revolution." The Haytian President is in the same predicament. The official glory of neither is worth a week's purchase. Each is the creature of insurrection, and each has been compelled to encounter revolution from the first moment of his elevation to power. Both parts of the island have long been, and still are, the scenes of what SEAMAN describes as "a succession of insurrections and revolutions, civil wars and devastations, massacres and assassinations," the nature and results of which should deter this country as well from the folly of a protectorate as from the danger of annexation.

It is possible that BAEZ, in his desperation, may contemplate a repetition of the experiment tried by Gen. SANTANA in 1861, when by an act of treachery the Dominican territory was ceded to Spain. The authority of BAEZ to negotiate for annexation to this country is no greater than was that of SANTANA to surrender to the Spaniards. The end of one proceeding would doubtless be identical with the end of the other. The Spanish Government received Domingo, but failed to hold it against insurgents; and there is every reason to believe that an attempt on the part of the United States to take possession by virtue of any bargain entered into with BAEZ would be equally mortifying and ineffectual.

The delusion under which many of the American people labor arises from the fact that Domingo and Hayti are nominally republics. What their republicanism amounts to we seldom stop to inquire. The name is enough for us. And on this slender foundation we construct a theory of mutual sympathy and common political interest. But the republicanism of the whole island is a burlesque. In Hayti, for instance, only negroes, Indians, mulattoes and the mixed races are invested with citizenship; all white persons being disfranchised, excluded from office, and even denied the privilege of holding real estate. So also in St. Domingo, white is proscribed; the blacks and mixed races insisting upon the retention of all real control. Something more than political jealousy actuates them in every portion of the island. They are habitually faithless when white men and their interests are concerned. Some opposite testimony is published on this point by a traveling friend of the Boston *Advertiser*, whom that journal warrants as "entirely trustworthy, judicious and experienced in travel." The attention of the natives, this writer tells us, "is directed almost entirely to political revolutions;" the spirit of faction reigning so widely that judicial murders and private assassinations are the order of the day. The white residents, who are engaged in trade, are obliged to submit uncomplainingly. Of purchase or annexation by this country he says:

"If the United States purchase Samana they may pay several mills, a sum of the money has been paid over, the treaty will be interpreted by the Dominicans. It is the general subject of conversation at present in St. Domingo, and the assure us the people cannot be better acquainted with the popular opinion in regard to the proposed sale. 'The country needs money; let us dispose of Samana on the best terms possible; we can soon get rid of the Yankees just as we did of the Spaniards.' *The citizens of the United States should be made to understand the treacherous nature of the people with whom they have to deal; not many among them can be trusted, and they do not scruple, individually and collectively, to violate their most solemn pledges.*

As for other purchase or annexation, the idea of the United States obtaining a foothold in the island is utterly distasteful to the natives both of St. Domingo and Hayti. *It is only the foreign merchants doing business in the different seaports who desire it, and they have literally no political power whatever*; as, in Hayti, it is forbidden to a white man to vote, or even *to own land*, and the only manner in which it is now possible for a white citizen of the United States to *legally* possess property there is to marry a black woman and settle his possessions in her name."

Under any circumstances, we should demur both as to the validity of any promise or bargain made by BAEZ and as to the desirableness of entering into any compact with a population who appear incapable of rising above anarchy. Whether it is the ultimate destiny of the West Indies to be absorbed into the United States, or, as some contend, to be merged into a great negro confederation, is a question that is for the moment immaterial. We have to consider Hayti and St. Domingo as they are, with a population ignorant, treacherous, brutalized and lazy; and we submit that were the political and financial condition of this country prosperous and assured, any measure of affiliation would be inexpedient.

But we are not in a condition to assume the slightest responsibility in the premises. We already have ample use for all the statesmanship and money at our command. Our debt is on the increase. We may exult over calculations as to a coming surplus, but meanwhile we know that without a more efficient collection of revenue on one hand, and a large reduction of expenditure on the other, the two ends of the Government will not meet. Moreover, a momentous political and industrial problem awaits solution within our present borders. The South is on the way to pacification and prosperity, but the full realization of these blessings is reserved for Gen. GRANT's Administration. Financially, too, we are in need of wiser, more comprehensive and more successful effort than has yet been apparent in the Treasury or in Congress.

With these duties upon us, and these difficulties before us, any intermeddling with Hayti or St. Domingo, with or without a view to annexation, would be downright madness. The advocates of interference insist that the acquisition would be desirable because costing nothing in the shape of purchase money. It would, however, be dear at any price. The suppression of ever-recurring insurrections, the maintenance of order among a people who delight in anarchy, the restoration of prosperity to a land beggared and bankrupt, is a task from which any American in his senses might be expected instinctively to shrink. We have neither means nor credit to spare. And we protest against squandering the product of oppressive taxation, and damaging the credit which is already pledged to others, that we may have the pleasure of hailing 300,000 dark-skinned Dominicans as fellow-citizens.

The Rogers Murder.

A correspondent in another column directs attention to some of the circumstances of the Rogers murder, already before the public, which tend to repel the conviction of JAMES LOGAN's innocence, to which the Police and public Press seem very generally to have arrived. In an article a few days since, we went over the same ground and came substantially to the same conclusion. We do not mean to say that LOGAN *was* the murderer, or that, on trial, he could be proved to have been: but it seems to us very clear that the evidence against him warrants suspicion, and renders it eminently proper that he should be put upon trial. The attempt of DELANOY to fasten suspicion upon ROBINSON *alias* Maher, amounts to nothing. It may be honest and well meant, but it looks much more like a trick, and not a very clever one, to draw attention away from parties previously suspected.

The coincidences established in LOGAN's case are very remarkable. He left the house in Greene-street, where he had slept the night before, at just about the time the murder was committed, with a companion taller than himself, and went toward Twelfth-street. He returned in the evening with *hat and coat both changed, and his hand hurt*, as it is believed the murderer's hand must have been. These coincidences alone are remarkable, and demand explanation; and when added to the fact that the envelope found in the murderer's coat pocket was addressed JAMES LOGAN, they become all the more remarkable. LOGAN acknowledged that he had lost his hat and overcoat, and said he had lost them, as he had also hurt his hand, while climbing fences to escape the Police. His own explanation only increases the suspicion. *Why* was he running away from the Police? *Where* did he thus run away and *when*? If the story is true, there must be somebody who can prove it to be so.

Occurrences of exactly this sort are not very common. That they should have happened on that very morning when the murder was done,—that LOGAN should have lost *his* coat and hat and hurt his hand, just as the murderer did and at or about the same time, is one of those curious coincidences which do not happen once in ten years.

Yet no attempt, at all worthy the importance of the matter, has been made to secure an explanation. Not the slightest effort has been made to find the Policeman from whom LOGAN was trying to escape when all these mishaps occurred,—nor to find the garments which he claims to have worn and lost on that occasion. He is to be discharged on the statements of his mistress, that the murderer's clothes were *not* his, and that he left her house *after* 7 and not before. These are points on which any one might easily be mistaken, and on which a witness like her, anxious to save him, would most certainly be untrustworthy. And where is ROBITAILLE, the man taller than LOGAN, who left the house with him, all this time? He was summoned as a witness, but does not seem to have been examined with any closeness or apparent desire to find out all he knew, and is said to have immediately left the City. Whither did he go? Why is he not hunted up and recalled?

Perhaps these two men are innocent of any share in the affair; but perhaps they are not. And in the absence of any reasonable ground for suspecting anybody else, it seems clear that they should not be discharged until it is quite certain that the public has the benefit of all they know about it.

The communication in another column is worth reading. It seems to us there has been a culpable remissness, if nothing worse, in the manner in which the Logan matter has been followed up. The envelope made it almost certain that the murderer's name was JAMES LOGAN, the presumption that it was the writer or the letter, rather than the receiver of the letter, who was carrying it in his pocket, is utterly groundless and should especially when it is borne in mind that some body had taken the latter out. In spite of all the noise that has been made about the murder, there does not seem to have been any resolute, clear, well-directed effort to detect the murderer. The time has been mainly spent in wild, random guesses about it, and in efforts that have had the effect of diverting attention from the only valuable evidence that has been educed. It looks now as if the guilty parties would succeed in effectually covering their tracks, and the whole affair only add one more to the many proofs of the impunity of crime, and the imbecility of the tribunals for its punishment, in this great City.

The Brooklyn Bridge.

We cannot say that we regret the action of the Legislature in subjecting the Brooklyn Bridge bill to still further scrutiny before passing it, in view of the importance, magnitude and cost of the project. Any plan of the sort—contemplating the expenditure of many millions of dollars, and having so important relations to the commerce of this port, ought to be subjected to the severest scrutiny, and be made to pass the most rigid ordeal, before it is authorized by law. It ought to be cleared from every suspicion of being a job; or being in the hands of men who seek their own profit by it rather than the public good—and it ought to be quite certain that it is the best plan that can be devised, before it is undertaken.

The objections which are urged on the part of New-Yorkers against the bill, as it stands at present, are not directed against the project *per se*, but properly against certain details of the present legislation and plan, independent of the general question; and as the friends of this project have chosen to commit themselves to these details, they are proper subjects of criticism.

The objections that New-York, as a stockholder of more than one-third the capital of the Company, will have a representation in the Board of probably one-sixth or one-seventh; that she may thus be deprived of due protection of her interests, as to the stock and as to the location and construction of the work; that she may also become liable for any contracts made, exceeding the capital; and that the manner of contracting is not restricted, are of so plain and reasonable a purport, as to need no discussion.

Passing also from the admitted necessity of a proper communication with Brooklyn, to the details of this special plan, we find it open to grave criticism, and requiring further discussion and amendment.

The tone of this discussion, as made by competent engineers, goes to show:

1. That the present location, from the Registrar's office, in New-York, to the corner of Fulton and Sands streets, Brooklyn, requires a bridge 1,600 feet longer, with 600 feet more water span, than the Chatham-square line, with much greater land damage and other items of cost, the New-York terminus being much nearer the commercial centre than as now arranged.

2. That the use by Mr. ROEBLING of iron wire cables of his own manufacture is less advantageous than that of steel bars and links, as to lightness, strength and durability.

3. That a single platform 80 feet wide and 1,600 feet long, suspended 130 feet above tide, with trusses 12 feet deep, is radically deficient in strength and stiffness for ordinary use, and entirely unsafe as exposed to the furious gales of the harbor; and that the structure not only needs greater bracing, but also the support of a centre pier.

4. That the general plan of the supporting towers, and especially that of their foundations, on a grillage of timber and other mixed resistants, is contrary to well-known principles of construction, the suspension towers at Niagara and Cincinnati being their weak points.

We publish elsewhere a letter on the subject from a competent judge, who has given the matter his most careful attention for a long time,—which will be found well worthy the attention of all who are interested, as all the people of both cities must be, in the subject. He insists that the best method to establish communication between New-York and Brooklyn is by a *causeway*, which he explains and vindicates in detail. The suggestion itself is not new, but it has hardly received the degree of attention from the public at large to which it is entitled. We shall probably have occasion to recur to its discussion.

A Costly Luxury that Offers a Chance for Retrenchment.

Since we said, a few days ago, that we could see no necessity for now keeping up a regular army of over forty thousand men, at an annual cost of over forty millions of dollars, Congress has taken up the subject of cutting down the army and reducing the expenses of the military establishment. The debates of Friday and Saturday were such as to give us a good prospect of seeing some practical step taken in this direction before the close of the present session.

Were there any appearance or any prospect of disturbance in the Southern States (as there was last Spring),—were it evident (as it was last year) that we should have war with the Indians of the Plains, we could see the necessity of keeping up an army more than three times as big as that which we had before the rebellion. But with as much assurance of peace in the South as there is in the North, and with no likelihood of any formidable Indian difficulties, we can see no necessity, whatever of maintaining the army at a size equal to what is required in case of hostilities. It is a very expensive luxury; it is one that brings no returns of any kind; and it is one that we cannot afford in the present state of our revenues and taxation.

There seems to be no serious opposition in Congress to army reduction—at least none has been expressed. It is as strongly demanded by Mr. BLAINE, speaking on behalf of the Committee on Appropriations, as by Mr. GARFIELD, speaking as Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs. The Army Appropriation bill, with its various amendments, makes provisions for very large reductions of expenditures in all departments of the service—including the Pay Department, the Quartermaster's Department, the recruiting service, and the transportation service; but Mr. BLAINE said the Committee on Appropriations had not felt at liberty to adjust the proportions of the bill to what the Committee thought ought to be the size of the army; and, consequently, on Saturday, Mr. GARFIELD, from the Military Committee, reported an amendment providing for a reduction, both of the commissioned officers and of the rank and file.

The main point of difference in the House is, whether the reduction shall apply only to the rank and file, or to the commissioned officers as well. At present we have sixty regiments, with the full complement of officers; but these regiments number only thirty-nine thousand enlisted men and non-commissioned officers. Mr. BLAINE advocates the immediate reduction of the army to thirty regiments, with a proportionate diminution of officers; but Mr. GARFIELD, while advocating the reduction of the rank and file, is opposed to the peremptory dismissal of any part of the present complement of officers,—or rather he desires that the officers should only be dismissed as they may leave the service. He holds this by stopping all promotions and all commissioning of new officers, the decrease would be rapid enough, and in proof of it quotes the fact that 114 officers resigned last year. The object of retaining the officers is in order that the present organization of regiments may be kept up, so that they may be rapidly raised to their full strength if at any time such a measure should be necessary. Gen. GARFIELD is also of the opinion that several of the staff departments of the army might be consolidated in such a way as to increase their efficiency and effect a considerable reduction of expense. In the proposition which he reported on Saturday these various ideas are embraced. It provides for the reduction of the rank and file by ten thousand men, and of the commissioned officers by six hundred and seventy; the latter by gradual absorption; also, the consolidation of the Quartermaster's, Commissary and Pay Departments, and the consolidation of the artillery and ordnance corps.

In our judgment, the reduction of both officers and privates should take place simultaneously. The object of the reduction is economy, and it is the officers who are the expensive part of the establishment. It is entirely unnecessary to retain a large and useless body of officers on the idea that they would be convenient in case we were compelled to raise a large army; for there will never, during this generation at least, be any lack of experienced officers whenever they may be required for active service. The stoppage of all promotions in the army would be demoralizing; for the great stimulus to honorable effort in the army, as elsewhere, is the prospect of advancement. And it would be altogether absurd, while retaining a superfluous body of officers sufficient for thirty regiments, to dismiss a few thousand privates, and bar the way of a Sergeant from rising to a Second Lieutenancy.

We hope that Gen. GARFIELD will take these considerations into account, for there is very little likelihood of the passage of any bill for the reduction of the army unless the friends of retrenchment unite upon a measure that promises to be effective.

The large saving that could easily be brought about in our military establishment would be a great relief to the Treasury and the people. It is one of the quarters where retrenchment is most feasible, and where nobody believes any public interest would suffer by it. So, let Congress promptly strike ten or fifteen millions from our army expenditures.

The Mormon Problem and its Proposed Solution.

It is felt by many people, and perhaps by none more keenly than the Mormons themselves, that the fate of Mormonism—certainly as a political power, and probably as a religious movement—now hangs trembling in the balance. Postponed by the intervention of our civil war, and again respited by the wrangle over reconstruction, the Utah question must soon, it is clear, receive positive treatment. Were there no other considerations at stake, the steady tide of population flowing westerly into immediate contact with Mormondom, and the new transcontinental conduits of traffic and travel on the eve of opening, would make the decision of the problem imperative.

Thus it happens that, after nigh upon two-score years of strange and eventful history, this extraordinary politico-religious vagary, which has never ceased meanwhile to grow in strength as it has grown in age, approaches a crisis. It is forty years, save one, (namely, April 6, 1830,) since six persons formed the nucleus of this widespreading establishment, of which it is just to say that it has illustrated, as never did any other organization, the harmonious interplay of religious and secular authority—a perfect union of "Church and State." If we now proceed to "disestablish" the Mormon Church—for that is just about what one Congressional plan, at least, contemplates—we must confess that we sap an institution which has showed no sign of internal decay, and which, contrary to universal prediction, is to-day stronger than ever.

We may, perhaps, set down the Mormon population of Utah, in round numbers, at 100,000 souls; we may, probably, though at an outside estimate, set down the Mormons scattered elsewhere through the world at 200,000 souls—or, to be within bounds, let us reckon all Mormondom to consist of 250,000 men, women and children. Cipher as we will, and with all the multiplication of tables to MALTHUS to help us, this astonishing growth from six people to a quarter of a million, in less than forty years, means *preaching* rather than polygamy—it means a zealous and well-organized system of missions, in which hundreds of ministers labor constantly for the conversion of souls to Mormonism.

These 100,000 souls in Utah are gathered into 100 settlements, or thereabout. About one in ten of these constitute the farming population, who cultivate 150,000 acres, producing, among other things, a yearly crop of 500,000 bags of flour, of which a good part goes to supply the less steady populations of adjoining territories. At the head of this strong, compact, thriving and busy miniature nation, stands BRIGHAM YOUNG. With not a dollar of debt, with a Treasury (the result of a strict system of tithing) reckoned in tens of millions under his sole control, with a fanatical people ready to follow him wherever he leads or to go wherever he bids, this ambitious potentate has built up a Commonwealth which it would be a crime to attempt to devastate, and which it will require great *finesse* and great legislative wisdom to manage as it must be managed.

Two solutions have been proposed for the Mormon problem. We say two, because that third alternative, once in favor, of "smiting the heathen hip and thigh," desolating their fair fields, turning their garden to a desert, sacking their hundred cities, and shooting down every soul that resisted, finds no advocates now, even among the surrounding settlers, who would be greedy for the spoils. One of these two solutions is that offered by Mr. ASHLEY's bill, now before Congress, to divide Utah—save a narrow zone in the neighborhood of Great Salt Lake City—into various parts, and transfer these to the neighboring States and Territories. The other is to trust to the influence of "Gentile" admixture, to overthrow the worst features of Mormonism, and finally to do away with the whole system.

The introduction of Mr. ASHLEY's bill promised to create a feeling in favor of the former of these two solutions. But, if we mistake not, it has been allowed to pass beyond the day for which its consideration was set down on the calendar. This would indicate reluctance to take measures so decisive and peremptory as those contained in the bill, and a disposition to allow the changes expected to be wrought by the Pacific Railroad to have a fair chance. In any event, it is clear, as we have already said, that the turning-point of Mormonism, at least as a political power, is nearly reached, and that its fate as a "nation," if not as a "church," will ere long be decided.

Our City Railroads.

The Elevated Railway seems to be commending itself to favor. Further experiments have been made, and are said to have resulted in a general conviction that the defects in its original construction have been obviated, and that it will now fulfil the most sanguine expectations of its projectors. If this be so, we hope no further time will be wasted in talking about it. Let us have it built, for something is very greatly needed that will give us speedier, easier and more comfortable means of passing from one end of the City to the other. The surface roads cannot meet and satisfy the wants of the public. They have their uses, and have contributed largely to the growth of the City and the necessities of its population. But they cannot do all that is needed hereafter, and their managers ought not to fall into the error of supposing they can. We must have something more. We must be able to travel more quickly through the length of the Island than horses can draw us. If the managers of the existing roads and the City authorities would combine to promote the use of steam, as a propelling power on our City roads, these roads could meet the necessities and satisfy the wants of the public for some years to come; but this they will not do; and the present state of things is simply intolerable. Let the Elevated Railway be thoroughly tried, and if it works well, let us have it built. It will largely increase the value of up-town property and promote the comfort and convenience of the great body of our business and working population.

MINOR TOPICS.

We guess that GRANT is likely to make this his last visit to New-York. The terrible way in which the politicians and office-hunters bored him on Saturday must have made the City almost intolerable. They put forward their "claims" with an impudence beyond anything previously attempted. The Irish Republican Association took the pains to deliver a speech at him through one of their number, in which it was claimed "that the Irish people in the United States numbered more than 1,000,000, and that it was only right that they should have a proportionate share of the Government patronage." The speaker of this body even went so far as to urge GRANT to give an office to the individual who had just introduced them to his (GRANT's) notice. Gen. JOHN COCHRANE also delivered a speech at GRANT, which was doubtless thought to be very *telling*. Subsequently, he introduced Mr. CHAS. SPENCER, and told GRANT that he (SPENCER) was President of a Committee which represented the 40,000 voters of this City who had cast their ballots for GRANT at the late election. We have no doubt that GRANT was greatly entertained and impressed by the claims of these office-hunters; but we should not be surprised if, instead of coming here again and giving them the opportunity of urging their claims, he should compel them to come to Washington, and incur the expense of traveling and hotel bills. This would seem to be the very least they can do. Offices are worth too much nowadays to be got by simply going to the Fifth-avenue Hotel and making a speech.

On Friday last a fight took place at Nashville between the State Comptroller and a member of the Legislature, in which, according to the dispatch, the latter was "soundly thrashed." We suppose the fact that the Comptroller thrashed the legislator must be taken as proving that the Comptroller had *not* "misappropriated" the public funds, as the legislator had charged him with doing. But before we come with certainty to this conclusion, we must know which of the two contestants was the bigger man, and whether the fight was a perfectly fair fight. On the same day another fight took place between another member of the Legislature and a newspaper reporter. As the reporter whipped his adversary, we must suppose that in this case also the reporter was in the right. Fighting is a great institution.

A verdict was rendered on Saturday by a Brooklyn jury against the Erie Railway Company that will be of advantage to all the railroads and all the railroad travelers in the United States. One of the victims of the horrible accident which occurred on the Erie line at Carr's Rock, ten months ago, sued the Company for $100,000 damages. The Company offered to allow him to take judgment for the sum of $3,000 and costs, but he refused to accept the offer; and upon the trial before Judge GILBERT, of the Supreme Court, the jury on Saturday found for the plaintiff and assessed his damages at $35,000. This is an awful and a timely warning to the railroad companies. It will do more to make them careful of the lives of their passengers than ten thousand newspaper articles. We suppose the other passengers who were injured at the same accident will now follow suit and recover damages.

What is the reason that the Congressional reporters do not furnish the papers with the speeches of Mr. MULLINS, of Tennessee, on the various subjects that are before the House? As a general thing, they only tell us that Mr. MULLINS spoke on such and such a question "to the great amusement and edification of the House." We are constantly bored with the heavy and stupid speeches delivered in Congress,—why should we not be enlivened by the speeches of Mr. MULLINS?

The first contract for cleaning the streets in this City is said to have been made in 1695, and the whole cost was £30. The latest contract was made with Judge WHITING at a somewhat higher figure, but the streets are not so clean as they were. Everything in this City grows with gigantic strides,—but nothing grows quite so fast as dirt and high prices.

A Southern paper which does not like the existing state of things at Washington remarks that "brutal vulgarity and vulpine trickery stand arm in arm upon the apex of the pyramid of disgrace and ruin which replaces the noble structure of the Federal Congress as it existed in its former glories." They must have rather a narrow footing to stand upon; it is to be hoped they may soon tumble off. On the apex of such a pyramid they must be less ornamental than the prodigious female who caps the climax of the "noble structure" of the existing Capitol.

Hon. JOHN P. HALE, our Minister at Madrid, has had a quarrel with his Secretary of Legation, Mr. PERRY, and complains bitterly that the latter is backed and befriended by Mr. SEWARD. He insinuates, in a very unmanly manner, that Mr. SEWARD is interested in some improper Spanish speculations with Mr. PERRY, as the reason why he sides with the latter in the matter. Mr. HALE writes a private letter to a New-Hampshire Congressman, who has had the good taste and deep regard for Mr. HALE to publish it,—reciting his troubles and "frankly" telling him that he wants Gen. GRANT to keep him in office until Mr. SEWARD and Mr. PERRY both go out,—because he is "weak enough to want to triumph over these two men." We fear the letter will not convince either Gen. GRANT or anybody else that Mr. HALE is either a very high-minded or a very sensible statesman,—or even that it would conduce very greatly to the glory of the nation to be represented by him at the Spanish Court for an indefinite time to come. Mr. PERRY has lived in Spain a great many years, and is thoroughly conversant with its language, history, politics and public men. He knows ten times as much of the duties of an Ambassador there as Mr. HALE ever dreamed of learning, and we suspect that fact has something to do with the latter's state of mind. The quarrel between them is purely personal, and we suspect when Mr. PERRY's side of the case comes to be heard, it is over shall be. Mr. HALE will not seem quite the persecuted martyr that he would like to be taken for.

We consider it fortunate for the liberties of Spain that the Pope has forbidden the prelates elected to the Legislature from taking their seats. Almost to a man all the Spanish prelates have been the bitter enemies of the Liberal movement, have all along done what they could to undermine it, and in the Cortes would only be the astute and powerful advocates of the old *régime* of despotism. The Pope, through his hatred for Spanish Liberalism, and all political Liberalism, has done good service to the Liberal cause in Spain.

The monthly debt statement shows the net aggregate obligations of the Government to be $2,588,205,595,—being an increase of nearly $15,500,000 during January, chiefly the result of the heavy gold interest disbursements of the month. We trust that Congress will give close and honest study to the monthly exhibit of the Treasury figures. It is a formidable business, but it is also the very best means of learning the necessity of retrenchment and economy.

Senator STOCKTON has introduced a resolution designed to exclude the electoral vote of Georgia, in the preamble to which he says that the right of that State to representation in Congress is still undetermined. In this quite correct! Georgia has complied with all the requirements of the Reconstruction law, and has been formally readmitted to the Union and elected members of Congress who have been allowed to take their seats in the House.

A petition was presented to Congress on Saturday from a Convention representing all parts of New-England, in which suffrage is demanded for women on the ground that "all human beings are created equal." This, if we remember aright, is a slight departure from the language of the immortal Declaration of Independence. If the new version is to become authority why would it not include *children* in the claim for suffrage? It is intended to establish!

The Republican Committee made a vigorous attempt to get some political information out of Gen. GRANT. They discharged two speeches at him, in one of which Gen. COCHRANE assured him the Committee he represented came as "workingmen in the great field of national politics," and that they "came from the people, were of the people and were one with the people who had elevated him to the highest office in the gift of the nation." The other orator, Mr. C. S. SPENCER, was less fervid and more direct; he was merely commissioned to inquire when the whole Committee might call to pay their respects. The General said he was glad to see them, and fixed half-past 3 to-day for a further interview; but he added that he had no speech to make them. He did not even intimate that he should be able to make any selections for office, or to show them the list: but perhaps he will. *Nous verrons.*

"Sorosis" is plucky, if nothing else; she has undertaken a task to which the labors of Hercules were a frivolous

in it. The weight of the fort—its diameter and thickness at only a foot—is that of a tank. So that this system of construction is unlimited in capacity. Nor is it more difficult in the case of the water revolving turret is more frictionless; and instead of inflexible rails, with eccentric bevel surfaces, and forms of steel hastily turned, and costly mechanism and machinery to sustain and revolve the enormous weight of a fort, a simple film of water between the turret and the tank yields to all irregularities of motion and surface, and affords the most frictionless medium known in the Arts.

The fort proposed by Capt. RYAN is some sixty feet in diameter and forty feet deep; it is placed on a tank some thirty feet deep, and four feet larger in diameter than the turret, leaving a water space of two feet all round and beneath the turret. The upper part of the turret—some ten feet—projects out of the tank; is made eighteen inches thick, of solid iron, and is pierced for eight fifteen-inch guns. The roof is flat, and shell-proof.

The lower part of the turret is simply large for stores, ammunition and quarters. Access from without, or from magazines or other forts, if required, may be had by means of underground tunnels and two water-tight shafts running up in the centre of the turret; the one shaft within the other, leaving a water-space between, just as the turret is within the tank. A fort of this kind would weigh some 3,000 tons, and could easily be revolved by hand, or rapidly by steam power. The turret is kept central in the tank by rollers at the sides.

A modification of this invention—a portable fort for harbors—seems equally important, and consists of a floating timber platform, iron-plated, and say 150 feet square, with a well in the middle for a turret. The timber shield is a substitute for the tank before-mentioned, except that it has no bottom under the turret. The turret and the shield act independently. The shield prevents the turret from being rammed, or nearly approached, and protects the lower, unarmored part. With half a dozen such turrets anchored across the Narrows, and mounting six or eight 20-inch guns apiece, it is difficult to see how any hostile fleet could pass.

This invention, in its various applications, and with the engineering modifications which experts will suggest, should seem to be the most simple and cheap, as well as effective means of harbor defence yet devised, and, together with the present forts and monitors, and with lines of Montrieul gun-pits, it would seem to reverse the late decisions of naval warfare, and to place Defence instead of Attack again in the ascendant.

AMUSEMENTS.

Wallack's Theatre.

"Much Ado About Nothing" was played on Saturday evening for the sixth time, and has presumably entered upon a long and prosperous run. It needs this for the justification of its own expensiveness, and for the fuller gratification of the audience, which has been rather wearied with delays in the performance. Of course every one wishes to attend a Shakespearean revival, or at all events will pretend to have an uncontrollable desire to do so, which is the same thing, so far as the management is concerned, but every one cannot pretend to give the entire night to it. We confess to an utter inability to understand the theory of a revival. Has SHAKESPEARE really been slumbering, or fainting, or pining since Mrs. SCOTT-SIDDONS rudely assaulted him a few weeks since? Did he or any one else on that gloomy occasion consider that he had been revived? We all know that SHAKESPEARE has left a pretty strong impression on those who disturb his bones, and at certain hands we greatly suspect that he would much prefer not to have his literary remains interfered with. At all events, we protest against the cant of calling an ordinary speculation a revival. SHAKESPEARE is neither dead nor in danger of dying, and if he were, neither Mr. WALLACK nor Mr. BOOTH could revive him. Both gentlemen have been honorably distinguished for their love of the poet. Mr. BOOTH, indeed, has erected the most beautiful temple in the City, and dedicated it to his service. But after all *Lord Dundreary* will be there in a few weeks, and "Woodcock's Little Game," we make no doubt, will, from time to time, charm the audiences at Wallack's Theatre, during Mr. WALLACK'S engagements there. It is true enough that the conditions under which SHAKESPEARE can be played, are gradually more exacting on the manager. Scenery and costumes of quaint and curious fashion make heavy demands on the treasury, and the properties and appointments frequently remind one of "a slop-shop for pedantic antiquities;" but properties and such things last, and as *Mr. Toodles* would say, are "handy to have in the house." It were better, perhaps, that less attention were paid to such matters, so that the imagination might form for itself less bulky ideals. Where the stage carpenter rules and details are the order of the day, poetry is apt to be lost sight of. It has been remarked, too, that the consciousness of rich dressing has always a tendency to act injuriously on an artist. The actor appeals too distinctly to the spectator, while his duty is clearly to strugle with that temptation, and to be essentially beautiful or essentially vile only to those on the stage. The golden period of the stage was when actors had the smallest amount of accessories.

The liberality of Mr. LESTER WALLACK in the preparation of "Much Ado About Nothing" has been very copiously recognized by the Press. A large expenditure of money has been controlled by a sagacious knowledge of how to make it go to the furthest. We mean, of course, in an intellectual way, for it is quite apparent that there has been no stint. Months of patient study have been needed to elaborate points which usually are utterly neglected, and which, for that matter, are apt to be utterly overlooked. Who, save Mr. WALLACK, would have hunted up the arms (heraldic and otherwise) of the period with such pertinacity and resolve? In the selection of the costumes much good taste has been displayed. There is no possibility of saying what the costumes should be. All that can be arrived at is a happy generalization, having for its end and aim an effective contrast of color, and as much as possible of the picturesque oddness of a past age. Mr. WALLACK has allowed himself full license, and has been quite happy in the result. The dresses are more than gorgeous; they are beautiful.

The cast of the comedy includes nearly every member of the company. It may be concluded, therefore, that the distribution is satisfactory. Mr. WALLACK sustained the leading *rôle*; one, be it observed, in which his father was without a rival. There are few characters more exacting than this of *Benedick*, a gentleman who can be biting or merry, lackadaisical or fierce at a moment's notice, and who under any circumstances must be playful in one half of the play if he has been sincere in the other. Mr. WALLACK'S performance is easy and humorous; not perhaps strongly individualized but flexible and agreeable, and marked with many graces of bearing. Miss ROSE EYTINGE, who as *Beatrice* is the double of the character, exhibits in a remarkable way the vast resources of a cultivated woman's tongue. Her raillery is exquisitely incisive and exhilarating to every one save the victim, and it is attuned to the pitch indicated by *Benedick*, who speaks to her as "my good Lady Disdain." The wit and vivacity of Miss EYTINGE have nothing cruel in them; they are society manners. Her heart is generous, and when the opportunity arrives, we see how readily she can obey its dictates. The scene in the fourth act, where she vindicates the honor of *Hero*, has never, to our knowledge been excelled. The entire conception of the character was indeed perfect. We know of no other artist on the American stage who could interpret it so consonantly with the true spirit of the text. The *Hero* of Mrs. JENNINGS was a sweet and graceful rendering of a very picturesque part. Of the twenty other characters, we can only speak briefly. Mr. GILBERT'S *Dogberry* lacks unctuousness, but is evidently a careful study. Mr. STODDART'S *Verges* is a sketch of the Dord sort—exaggerated but striking. Mr. CHARLES FISHER looked extremely well as *Leonato*, and Messrs. FOLLETT, BOOTHBY, LOGAN, [illegible] and Mrs. GILBERT were respectable. One of the disadvantages of Shakespearean plays is that they involve an enormous *dramatis personæ*. There are dozens of small parts—all more or less important. The present condition of first-class theatres hardly admits of a satisfactory distribution, and Mr. WALLACK'S establishment is no exception to the rule. Many of the small parts are inadequately represented.

[illegible] Where it stops beyond this purpose it is laborious in effect and heavy in detail. The represent pedestals, pillars, balconies, emblems, urns, &c., in the "round" is a mistake. It is the fancy of a carpenter, and not the vision of an artist. Realism on the stage is a dangerous heresy. It may be questioned if actual furniture be desirable in anything save comedies of the day. The scene-painter and the property-man have a wonderful power over the imagination. They can cheat it in the grossest way or tickle it in the pleasantest. The first sees with pleasure that the leaves and branches imported from Washington Market are less appreciated than his own daubs with a pound brush; the second glories in the reflection that his glue-pot can make the mind stick firmer to a fiction than a fact; and both are right, because both appeal to the imagination and not to the experience of the spectator—which inward thing must be imperfect. We consider, for our own part, the fountain in Mr. ISHERWOOD'S beautiful scene in the third act as an infringement which ought to be reached by an injunction. It is, to be sure, a harmless fountain, playing its poor little tune of a pint an hour in quite a docile manner. But the Bowling Green fountain was of the same plain character, and even the flamingoes with long legs could not save it. The scene to which we refer is really charming, but the coloring is somewhat too vivid. Mr. ISHERWOOD'S distant view of the town and harbor of Messina is thoroughly artistic, but the bulky timber pedestals and balustrades with which it is incumbered detract from a correct perspective, and convert a happy glance into an elaborate bore. We have no idea who Mr. GIBSON of "Gibson's Building" is, but if he imagines that two slanting spindle-shanked shafts of Italian marble, capped with the usual Corinthian flowers, and supporting a waving arch of common canvas, paneled in the style of what, of who, of whom, no one knows, except possibly the youngest scene painter; if Mr. GIBSON imagines that this entitles him to a place on any record we desire at once and permanently to differ with him. The hand of GIBSON was, we fear, perceptible in the first and second acts. It ought not to have been there. The first and second sets need to be acted with great rapidity, and rolling logs is therefore out of place. There is nothing exacting in the antiquities of SHAKESPEARE. History has to be treated lightly and kindly. The best scene in the piece may nevertheless have been suggested by Mr. GIBSON, namely, the chapel scene. This is certainly excellent. It is not the plane and the saw, but a visible illusion of a cathedral. It is erroneously called a chapel; but no traveled man will notice the blunder, and it is not necessary to dwell on a mere exaggeration of language. It represents the principal aisle of a large church, with an oratory or an altar, or something possibly known to Mr. GIBSON, vaguely indicated at the end. The setting of the scene is almost perfect; but here again the violation of the idealistic law,—or to put it in humbler phrase the law of illusion,—is grossly noticeable. A large real Bible—printed no doubt by authorized printers—turned down at the page that suits the dirty finger of the scene shifter, lies open on the desk. It is perfectly unnecessary to desecrate a volume in such wise.

Very little can be said for Mr. BAKER'S music. That popular and effective director sometimes presses the *ci pellot* too closely in his selections. "Captain Jinks" may be very well in a minstrel hall, but he and his brethren should be kept from too intimate association with SHAKESPEARE. The glee, "Sigh no more, ladies," was sung very well, and commanded an immediate *encore*. Of music of the proper class there is an abundance, and some of it might, we think, have been used in the *entr'acts*. The tendency, however, of every orchestra is to run to popular ditties, or to OFFENBACH'S operas, and as the result is gratifying to the mass of the audience, we presume it is useless to complain. It must be added, too, that Mr. BAKER knows how to impart rare spirit to his band.

Musical.

ITALIAN OPERA.

Mr. MARETZEK'S opening opera at the Academy of Music on Thursday next is "Les Vespres Siciliennes," a picturesque and effective work, which suits the company, and can be amply provided for in the way of scenery, costumes, &c. Mme. AGATHA STATES makes her *rentrée* in it, and her magnificent voice will no doubt be heard to advantage in the telling music of the leading *rôle*. She will be supported by BRIGNOLI, ORLANDINI and ANTONUCCI. On the following evening Mme. LA GRANGE appears in "Norma." There will be a *matinée* on Saturday ("Il Trovatore.") DONIZETTI'S opera of "Belisario" is announced for production on Wednesday of next week; the "Prophète" is, we presume, in a state of readiness. Miss KELLOGG'S farewell performances commence in about two weeks from now, and will undoubtedly command the attention of the public. It is not true that Mr. MARETZEK has failed in his negotiations with this favorite and charming *artiste*.

OPERA BOUFFE.

"Fleur de Thé" remains on the bills of the Theatre Français, and Mlle. DESCLAUZAS may be considered firmly established in the leading *rôle*. She interprets the music pleasantly, and is altogether an agreeable presence on the stage. The piece is lively, and the music graceful and cheer.

At the Grand Opera House, to-night, Mr. BIREFELD will bring out one of the very best—if not *the* best—opera bouffes ever written—"Orphée aux Enfers." It was the success of this work, about nine years ago, which first gave OFFENBACH'S music the *vogue*. It has been slaughtered here by various companies, French and German, but we may conclude that it will now receive full justice. The plot, which is of course mythological, is full of fun, and the music will be recognized by many who have not known the source from whence it was derived. Mlle. TOSTEE sustains her original *rôle* of *Eurydice*, and Mr. DECRE is the *Orphée*. The gentleman "plays the fiddle like an angel," an accomplishment which is necessary, inasmuch as the heathen god is represented as a professor of that instrument.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

The one hundred and eighteenth concert of the Philharmonic Society took place at the Academy of Music on Saturday evening. There was, of course, the usual full attendance, and the same flutter of beauty and fashion as of old. The programme did not present any novelty. Two of the pieces, to be sure, were on the bill of the Society for the first time, but they have already been made familiar by Mr. THEODORE THOMAS, who is very apt to be ahead in these matters. We refer to the "Reformation" Symphony by MENDELSSOHN and the two movements from the unfinished Symphony of SCHUBERT. Both are posthumous, and in these days of unproductiveness both are valuable additions to the limited *repertoire* of symphonic music. MENDELSSOHN'S work contains many reminiscences of the "Hymn of Praise," but they are always tender and beautiful. The composer reverenced music, and saw in it the means of every passional and every mental expression. In a calm, collected, eclectic way he said a great deal, but lacking spontaneity and variety of emotion he has said the same things over and over again, with intellectual differences perhaps, but with no new essential human outburst. The training, timidity and nature of the man preserved him even from the effort of being different to what he was. His first ideas are his last, and best. There was no unknown depth in him. He knew the measure of his capacity to the fraction of an inch, and never exceeded it. But he studied and elaborated and worked, and occupied the attention of the world. In criticism he reached almost dramatic intensity. In it here we think, that his claims to future consideration will be most frankly recognized. Even in his claim in any other kind of [illegible] the third movement is graceful and quaint, and will always please with the public. The slow movements are remarkable more for treatment than inspiration. The composer is felicitous in the use of the wood and brass instruments, and in this way threads a rather uninteresting subject with many [illegible] The symphony is interesting and bright. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1869.

ON AND AFTER THIS DATE THE transfer book of this Company will be kept with the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company of New-York, No. 28 Exchange-place.

The stock of the balance of the old stock of the Merchants' Union and American Express Companies into the stock of this Company will continue as heretofore to be done at the General office of the Company, No. 115 Broadway, New-York.

J. N. KNAPP, Secretary.

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN R. R. CO.,
GENERAL OFFICE, NO. 24 EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1869.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Officers and Managers of this Company for the ensuing year, will be held at this office, on TUESDAY, the 23d day of February inst., at 12 o'clock M.

The polls will be open between 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

The transfer books will be closed from the evening of the 2d inst. until the morning of the 24th inst.

By order of the Board of Managers.

CHARLES E. CARRY, Secretary.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY,
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 28, 1869.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors, and for the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, on THURSDAY, the 11th day of February next, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.

The transfer books will be closed from the evening of Feb. 4 until Feb. 12.

GEO. H. RUSSELL, Secretary.

ELECTION.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1869.

The annual election for Directors of this Company, also for three Inspectors of Election, will be held at the office of this Company, on the 2d Monday, on TUESDAY, Feb. 16, 1869, between 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

WM. A. ANDERSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN PETROLEUM COMPANY, NO. 122 BOWERY, CORNER GRAND-ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 4, 1869.

AN ELECTION FOR SEVEN TRUSTees and three Inspectors for the next ensuing election, will be held on MONDAY, Feb. 15, between the hours of 8 and 4 o'clock P. M. The transfer books will be closed from this date.

W. A. HALL, Secretary.

THE MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY COMPANY give notice, that on Feb. 15, 1869, they will pay a cash Dividend of Seven per Cent. on their preferred stock, and will pay a Dividend of Seven per Cent. in cash, or in new preferred stock bonds, according to the list of stockholders on Jan. 30, 1869. The transfer books will be closed from Jan. 30, 2 P. M., to Feb. 15, 10 A. M. by order of the Board of Directors.

JAMES M. MCKINLEY, Transfer Agent.

ISLE ROYALE MINING COMPANY,
NO. 44 EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 4, 1869.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREholders for the choice of Directors and the transaction of any other lawful business will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 10th inst., at 12 o'clock.

WILLIAM H. CAPEN, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS AND IRON MOUNTAIN RAILROAD COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at their office in the City of St. Louis, Mo., on the first Wednesday in April next, at which time the election for Directors will take place.

H. G. MARQUAND, Vice-President.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 30, 1869.

FINANCIAL.

Gibson, Beadleston & Co.,

BANKERS,

NO. 40 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK,

GIVE NOTICE

That their arrangements are perfect and unsurpassed for making

COLLECTIONS

at the lowest rates and with prompt returns in any part of the UNION and BRITISH PROVINCES.

ALSO,

For the Negotiation of Loans on Merchandise, in sums and for terms to suit.

4 PER CENT. ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

GREENEBAUM, BROTHERS & CO.

BANKERS,

NO. 251 BROADWAY,

NATIONAL PARK BANK BUILDING,

CHICAGO HOUSE: H. GREENEBAUM & CO.

DRAFTS FOR $1 AND MORE

ON ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND CONTINENTAL EUROPE.

REMOVAL.

THE GLOBE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

have removed to their new office in the

"HOWARD BUILDING,"

NO. 179 BROADWAY, ONE DOOR ABOVE MAIDEN-LANE,

and continue to insure property of every description at the most favorable rates.

CASH CAPITAL.....$200,000
SURPLUS Jan. 1, 1869, over.....$2,000

TOTAL ASSETS.....$282,000

LEONARD KIRBY, President.

ALFRED A. REEVES, Secretary.
EDGAR B. HOLLEY, Surveyor.

"THE FREE BOARD."

Subscribers, and all others interested, are respectfully requested to attend a meeting, to be held at No. 79 Broadway, on MONDAY, Feb. 15, at 4 P. M. for the purpose of organization and other business. Subscription list for membership will be open at above number.

PACIFIC RAILROAD OF MISSOURI.—The 7 per cent. bonds, principle and interest payable in gold, for sale on favorable terms by

S. SKAATS & BRO.,
No. 29 Broad-st.

ALL KINDS OF SOUTHERN SECURities bought and sold by LEVY & BORG,
No. 41 Pine-st.

DIVIDENDS.

EIGHTEENTH DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF THE

GERHARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,

No. 161 BROADWAY, Jan. 28, 1869.

The Board of Directors have this day declared the usual semi-annual dividend of Five per Cent., payable on and after Monday, Feb. 1, free of Government tax.

JOHN R. SMITH, Secretary.

NAUGATUCK RAILROAD COMPANY,
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 6, 1869.

DIVIDEND NO. 27.

A Dividend of Five per Cent., free of tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this road on the 15th of February next.

The transfer books will be closed from Jan. 8 to Feb. 16, both days inclusive.

H. NICHOLS,
Treasurer.

OSWEGO AND SYRACUSE RAILROAD COMPANY.—Thirty-first semi-annual Dividend. The Directors of this Company have declared a Dividend of Four per Cent. on its Capital Stock, free of the Government tax, payable on the 20th day of February, inst.

Dividends in New-York will be paid at the Howard Insurance Company's Office, by H. A. Oakley, Esq., Transfer Agent; in Albany, at the New-York State National Bank; in Utica, at the Oneida National Bank; in Syracuse, at the Syracuse National Bank; all others at the Lake Ontario National Bank, Oswego.

Dividends not called for within thirty days will be paid at the Treasurer's Office, Oswego.

Oswego, Feb. 3, 1869. L. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 29, 1869.

A DIVIDEND OF (5) FIVE PER CENT., free of all taxes, has this day been declared, payable on Monday, 8th February, prox., till which date the transfer books are closed.

W. W. FORD, Cashier.

STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY—TWENTY-EIGHTH DIVIDEND.

A Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, has been declared out of the profits of last six months, payable on the 15th day of January, 1869, at No. 122 Bowery.

WM. F. LEGGETT, Secretary.

SAVINGS BANKS.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,

Nos. 396 and 398 GRAND-ST., corner LAIGHT.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ON $5,000.

ASSETS, $5,836,736 53.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

1st.—For building a sewer in 53d-st., between 4th and 5th avs., with branch in 5th-av.

2d.—For building a sewer in 2d-av., from 74th-st. to and through 75th-st. to 3d-av.

3d.—For building sewers in Broadway, between Worth and Leonard sts., and between Franklin and White sts.

4th.—For building a sewer in 16th-st., between 3d-av. and Irving-place.

5th.—For building sewers in Madison-av., between 36th and 37th sts.

6th.—For regulating and grading 36th-st., between 1st-av. and Avenue A.

The limits embraced by each assessment, include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on

1st.—The north side of 53d-st., between Madison and 5th avs.; also, the east side of 5th-av., between 52d and 53d sts., and both sides of 53d-st., between 4th and 5th avs.

2d.—Both sides of 2d-av., between 74th and 75th sts.; also, both sides of 75th-st., between 2d and 3d avs.; also, the west side of 2d-av. and the east side of 3d-av., to a point distant half the block north of 75th-st., and the east side of 3d-av. to a point distant half the block south of 75th-st.

3d.—Both sides of Broadway from Franklin to Walker-st., and from Worth to Leonard-st., and lot on the northwest corner of Leonard-st. and Broadway.

4th.—Lots known as street Nos. 125, 126, 127 and 128 East 16th-st.

5th.—Both sides of Madison-av., from 59th to 70th-st., from the north side of 66th-av., and both sides of 66th-st., to a point 250 feet west of Madison-av.; also, the north side of 67th-st., to a point distant 150 feet east of 4th-av.; also, both sides of 68th-st., from Madison to 4th-av.

6th.—Both sides of 36th-st., from 1st-av. to a point distant half the block east of Avenue A; also, to the extent of half the block on the intersecting avenues.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to Isaac C. Hunt, Clerk of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 82 Chambers-st., Basement New Court-House, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

ISAAC C. HUNT,
E. HARBISON REED,
GUERNSEY SACKETT,
Board of Assessors.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS, New Court-House, Feb. 5, 1869.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, No. 32 Chambers-st.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1869.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessment Rolls of the Real and Personal Estate of the City and County of New-York, for the year 1869, will be open for inspection and revision on and after MONDAY, Jan. 11, 1869, and will remain open till the 30th day of April, 1869, for the correction of errors and the equalization of the assessments of the aforesaid real and personal estate of the City and County of New-York. All persons claiming that they or their property is aggrieved, by application to the Commissioners during the period above mentioned, in order to obtain the relief provided by law, are hereby advised that during the time the books shall be open to public inspection as hereinbefore provided, application may be made by any person considering himself aggrieved by the assessed valuation of his real or personal estate, to have the same corrected. If such application be made in relation to the assessed valuation of real estate, it must be made in writing, stating the ground of objection thereto, and thereupon the Commissioners shall examine into the complaint, and if in their judgment the assessment is erroneous, they shall cause the same to be corrected. If such application be made in relation to the assessment of personal estate, the applicant shall be examined under oath by the said Commissioners, who shall be authorized to administer such oaths or any of them; and if in his or their judgment such assessment can be corrected, they shall cause the same to be corrected, and the amount of such reassessment as they may believe to be just, and declare their decision thereon within thirty days after such application shall have been made to them. No deduction shall be made by the Board of Supervisors of any assessment on real or personal estate imposed under this act, unless the party aggrieved, or some one in his behalf, shall have appeared before the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments, and made application, that the party aggrieved was unable to attend within the period prescribed for the correction of taxes, by reason of sickness or absence from the City.

By order of the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.

J. W. BROWN,
C. M. DEPEW,
Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES,
COURT-HOUSE, PARK, No. 32 Chambers-st.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that all Arrears of Personal Taxes now due are to be paid at the office of ANDREW J. SMITH, Esq., Assistant Receiver, No. 32 Chambers-st., and that the Assistant Receiver will be found at said office.

All persons who shall neglect or fail to comply with the requirements of this notice, after the expiration of ten days from the date hereof, will be proceeded against according to law, without further notice.

All persons who shall attempt to pay the undersigned, or any other person than the Assistant Receiver, any taxes or assessments, or any part thereof, will be prosecuted according to law.

Dated New-York, Jan. 12, 1869.

BERNARD SMITH, Receiver.

AUCTION SALES.

GREAT SALE OF CITY LOTS.

ONE ENTIRE BLOCK

IN PLOTS OF ONE OR MORE LOTS.

Will be sold at auction

BY JAMES M. MILLER,

At the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway,

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10, at 12 o'clock.

This property, which is most desirably located, is bounded by the 7th-av. Boulevard, 8th-st., and 16th and 16th-sts.

The 7th-av. Grand Boulevard is 120 feet wide, handsomely laid out, and upon the completion of the proposed improvements will be the handsomest avenue in the world.

It is important to extend the 8th-av. Railroad, then, and the cars will, no doubt, soon be running past the property on that avenue.

For diagrams and further particulars, apply at the office of the auctioneers, No. 23 Pine-st.

SALE PEREMPTORY.

Title to above property is unquestionable, having been in the family of present owners for nearly

100 YEARS.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE OF 34 CENTRAL PARK LOTS.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on MONDAY, Feb. 15, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

SIXTY-FOUR CENTRAL PARK LOTS,

COMPRISING

THE ENTIRE BLOCK BOUNDED BY THE 8TH AND 9TH AVS., 70TH AND 71ST STS.,

TO BE SOLD IN LOTS.

EIGHT specially prominent CENTRAL PARK FRONTS. The title of the premises, being a portion of the

HARSEN ESTATE,

is unexceptionable, and a full abstract prepared by Messrs. Wetmore & Bowne, will be furnished to each of the purchasers without charge.

Two-thirds of the purchase money may remain on bond and mortgage for three years.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE CORNER PROPERTY ON 8TH-AV.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. WILL SELL at auction on TUESDAY, FEB. 9, at 12 O'CLOCK, at the EXCHANGE SALESROOM, NO. 111 BROADWAY, NEW BUILDING:

8TH-AV.—The first-class 3½-story brick house and lot, situated on the southwesterly corner of 8th-av. and 123d-st., and known as No. 70 8th-av. The house is 20.10½ feet in front, 54 feet deep—is in perfect order, beautifully decorated by Marcotte, and has modern improvements. There is also on the rear of the lot a two-story brick stable, finished under, well lighted and ventilated. This property is one of the most desirable residences in the lower part of the 8th-av.; has a great prospective value for business purposes, and being most substantially built, is well adapted for store purposes. Lot 26.0½ feet front and rear, by 115 feet in depth, with a lot in the rear of 10x77 feet 7½ inches, forming an L.

For maps and further particulars apply to the auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st., New-York.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE STORE PROPERTY ON WASHINGTON AND VESEY STS. AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, Feb. 16, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, under direction of A. R. Wetmore, Esq.:

WASHINGTON-ST.—The four-story brick store, situate on the southeasterly corner of Vesey and Washington sts., known as Nos. 205 Washington-st. and No. 81 Vesey-st.

VESEY-ST.—Two four-story brick stores on the southerly side of Vesey-st., known as Nos. 77 and 79 Vesey-st.

VESEY-ST.—The four-story brick store, adjoining the above, and known as No. 75 Vesey-st.

These stores are large and suited to any heavy business. The situation is one of the most desirable for many kinds of business, and as an investment will produce a very large rental.

For particulars and maps apply at the office of the auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st., or No. 81 Vesey-st., New-York.

J. COLE, Auctioneer.

FIRST-CLASS RESIDENCES IN BROOKLYN.

Brooklyn at auction, on TUESDAY, Feb. 9, at 12 o'clock, at the Commercial Exchange, No. 309 Fulton-st., opposite the City Hall, Brooklyn:

STRONG-PLACE AND HARRISON-ST.—Two first-class brick houses, and also three vacant lots Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 Strong-place.

NEW-ST.—Three first-class brick houses and six vacant lots, east side, between Herkimer-st. and Atlantic-av.

HICKS-ST.—Three lots, east side, near Harrison-st. Maps and full particulars. Apply at No. 309 Fulton-st., Brooklyn.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—IN THE matter of CHARLES A. MORFORD, a bankrupt.

Pursuant to an order of the Court made in the above-entitled matter, I will sell at public auction, by James M. Miller, auctioneer, at the real estate salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on the 17th day of February inst., at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, the following debts and other property:

A promissory note of Winchester Britton, dated Sept. 28, 1862, at three months, for $600 90.

A promissory note of Britton & Ely, dated Oct. 28, 1862, at two months, for $96 78.

A promissory note of Catharine E. Conover, dated Oct. 7, 1865, at four months, for $2,622, payable to and indorsed by D. D. Conover and duly protested.

A promissory note of Joel T. Collins, dated Nov. 7, 1865, at three months, for $475, payable to and indorsed by John Dearborn and duly protested.

Two promissory notes of Cox & Woodworth, each for $800, one dated Nov. 9, 1865, at two months, and one dated Dec. 5, 1865, at three months; and with these notes the following collaterals belonging thereto: 3,850 shares of the stock of the Hocsac Slate Company and 4,220 shares of the stock of the Hudson River Slate Company.

A promissory note of Garret D. Clark, dated April 6, 1866, at three months, for $1,000.

A promissory note of Robert Renfrew, dated Oct. 27, 1865, at sixty days, for $205; and with this note, notes of Robert Renfrew, one dated Nov. 14, 1865, at four months, for $462 34, and one dated Nov. 23, 1861, due March 30, 1861, for $45, and one dated Feb. 2, 1862, for $3; and the collateral for the debt of Renfrew, an invoice and bill of lading for a box, dated in 1865.

A promissory note of Oscar C. Ferris, dated Dec. 13, 1866, at one month, for $600, payable to and indorsed by C. R. Woodworth and duly protested; and with this note, 500 shares of the stock of the Hocsac Slate Company, the collateral thereto.

A promissory note of E. Allerman, dated Feb. 2, 1867, at sixty days, for $28.

A promissory note of James Donnelly, dated June 24, 1865, at seven months, for $512 93.

A promissory note of Erastus Platt, dated Dec. 6, 1865, at three months, for $1,000, payable to John Dearborn, and indorsed by him and S. B. Russell and duly protested.

A promissory note of S. B. Russell, dated Oct. 4, 1865, at three months, for $135.

A promissory note of J. Simpson, dated June 18, 1867, at one day, for $389 92.

A check dated June 2, 1865, for $400, made by Richard Taylor, and indorsed by A. Drake, Jr. and C. Drake & Co. and duly protested.

A check dated Aug. 12, 1861, for $150, made by Thomas Cunningham.

A check dated July 3, 1865, for $350, made by William Johnston.

A check dated July 10, 1868, for $600, made by I. Johnston, and indorsed by William Johnston and duly protested.

A check dated Feb. 10, 1866, for $60, made by Walter Scott.

A check dated Aug. 17, 1866, for $1,000, made by George G. Mecklem.

A judgment against the Hocsac State Company in Supreme Court, Feb. 23, 1867, for $1,986 23, and with this the note of C. R. Woodworth, dated Dec. 6, 1866, at one month, for $2,000, being a collateral thereto.

A chattel mortgage made by C. R. Woodworth for $2,000, payable Jan. 1, 1867, mortgaging six horses.

A judgment in Supreme Court, March 7, 1867, against C. R. Woodworth, for $527 15.

A judgment in the Marine Court, March 2, 1864, against William S. Lyon, for $161 19.

A judgment in Supreme Court, Jan. 7, 1868, against Edward H. Betts, Thomas Burrough and James H. Lyon, for $503 93.

Two judgments in Supreme Court against Elias Simmons, one Dec. 26, 1862, for $459 08, and one Dec. 26, 1862, for $1,052 28.

Two judgments in Supreme Court against Henry Simmons, Sept. 26, 1863, one for $3,187 11, and one for $1,463 61.

A judgment in Supreme Court against Daniel Feitner for $336 77, and with this a judgment in Supreme Court against Daniel Wardell for $673 68, being a collateral to first judgment.

A judgment in Supreme Court against John Cornish, Dec. 16, 1862, for $676 80.

A judgment in Supreme Court against Catharine N. Sinclair for $209 75, date and Court unknown.

A judgment in Supreme Court against William Vouch for about $168, date unknown.

Judgments against the following-named persons, the date and Court unknown: William Marsh for $639 72; E. Swackhamer, $546 23; A. B. Mortley for $629 49; Henry Stanton and William G. Chase for $1,000; George N. Mott for $1,256; Andrew Bachus for $50 26.

Claims in open account against the following persons: James Roebotham for $635 94; Frederick Kuster for $80; C. W. Botton for $61 68; Wm. Hicks for $59 24; A. Simpson for $1,418 96; G. G. Mecklem for $249 70.

A claim against Levi P. Rose, and with it two notes of Thomas W. Schirtell, one dated March 24, 1865, at sixty days, for $2,000, and one dated May 3, 1865, at thirty days, for $1,000, indorsed by Rose and collateral to the claim.

A claim against John Dearborn for $736 27, and with it two notes, one made by John C. Smith, due April 3, 1864, for $600, one made by Abraham B. Napeleze, due Feb. 7, 1865, for $600, and a policy in Washington Life Insurance Company, in favor of John Dearborn, for $2,000, held as collateral for the claim.

A claim against Evans & Cook for $462 48, and with it two notes

SHIPPING.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:

ST. LAURENT.....ROUSSEAU...SATURDAY, Feb. 20
VILLE DE PARIS.SURMONT...SATURDAY, Mar. 6
PEREIRE.....DUCHESNE...SATURDAY, Mar. 20

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine,)
TO BREST OR HAVRE.
First cabin, $140; second cabin, $85.
TO PARIS,
including railway tickets furnished on board,
First cabin, $145; second cabin, $88.

These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.

Medical attendance free of charge.

American travelers going or returning from the Continent of Europe, by taking the steamers of this line, avoid both a transit by the English railways and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.

GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway.

STEAM TO GLASGOW AND DERRY.

THE ANCHOR LINE,
favorite Clyde-built Steamers, are intended to sail

EVERY SATURDAY

From Pier No. 20 North River, 12 o'clock, noon.

EUROPA.....Feb. 13 | CALEDONIA.....Mar. 6
INDIA.....Feb. 20 | BRITANNIA.....Mar. 13
IOWA.....Feb. 27 | COLUMBIA.....Mar. 20

RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.

Cabins, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry, $90 and $75.
Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $150.
Steerage, to Glasgow or Derry, $30; intermediate, $35.
Prepaid Certificates from these ports, $37.
Passengers booked to and from Hamburg, Havre, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at very low rates.
Drafts issued payable at any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.
For further information apply on the steamers, foot of Dey-st., or at the Company's offices, No. 6 Bowling-green, New-York. HENDERSON BROTHERS.

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ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL,
CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.
SAILING EVERY WEDNESDAY.

RUSSIA.....Feb. 10 | JAVA.....Mar. 3
CHINA.....Feb. 17 | AUSTRALASIAN.Mar. 10
CUBA.....Feb. 24 | RUSSIA.....Mar. 17

Passage money payable in gold.
Cabin.....$130 | Second Cabin.....$80
Cabin to Paris.....$145
No steerage passengers carried.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables, unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.

Through bills of lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp and other ports on the Continent; and for Mediterranean ports.

For freight or passage apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.

FOR LIVERPOOL.
From Pier No. 46 North River, WEDNESDAYS.

MINNESOTA.....Feb. 17, at 9 A. M.
NEVADA (new).....Feb. 24, at 1 P. M.
COLORADO.....March 3, at 9½ A. M.
NEBRASKA.....March 10, at 1 P. M.

Cabin passage, $80, gold; Steerage, $30, currency.

Tickets to bring out passengers from Europe can be obtained on reasonable terms.

For freight or passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 71 Wall-st.

For steerage passage of
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Broadway.

CUNARD LINE OF STEAMERS.

BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL,
CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY THURSDAY.

HECLA.....Feb. 11 | ALEPPO.....Feb. 25
SIBERIA.....Feb. 18 | SAMONIA.....Mar. 4

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK;
Cabin.....$80 Gold.
Steerage.....$30 Currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at lowest rates.

For freight or passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-green.

For steerage passage apply at No. 29 Broadway.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.

—Inman Line of mail steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

CITY OF CORK (via Halifax), Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1 P. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Feb. 13, 1 P. M.
CITY OF ANTWERP.....Saturday, Feb. 20, 11 A. M.

And each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN GOLD.

First Cabin	$100	Steerage	$30 and 35
To London	105	To London	35 and 40
To Paris	120	To Paris	45 and 47
Halifax	20	Halifax	$15
St. John's, N. F., by Branch Steamer	45	St. John's N. F., by Branch Steamer	30

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at reduced rates.

Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.

For further information apply at the Company's Offices.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

STEAM COMMUNICATION DIRECT
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA, VIA PANAMA.

THE PANAMA, NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN ROYAL MAIL COMPANY dispatch a steamer every month, sailing from Panama about the 20th, upon the arrival of the British mail steamer at Aspinwall. The Pacific Mail Company's steamer leaving New-York for Aspinwall on the 9th of each month will make the necessary connection. Passengers and cargo forwarded through from New-York to the several Colonial ports.

A special steamer runs to the newly discovered gold region of Hokitika.

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EAGLE, Capt. M. R. GREENE.....Feb. 18.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. R. ADAMS.....Feb. 25.

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CALLING AT HAVANA,
Carrying the United States mails.
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SATURDAY, Feb. 13, at 3 o'clock P. M.
RAPIDAN follows.....Feb. 20.
VIRGO follows.....Feb. 27.

Through rates and through bills of lading given to Galveston, Indianola, Lavaca and Rock Port, Texas; Mobile, Ala., and to all points on the Mississippi River.

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Steamships of this Line will leave Pier No. 9 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:

MARIPOSA.....KEMBLE...SATURDAY, Feb. 13
CROMWELL.....VALLE.....SATURDAY, Feb. 20

Freight taken for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston at through rates. For passage, first and second class, or freight apply to the agents,
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A WIDOW LADY WOULD LIKE TO let two rooms without board to two gentlemen of quiet habits, who positively respect the Sabbath; the house is in 11th-st., in the immediate neighborhood of several good restaurants. Address Rent, for two days, E. W. B., Box No. 6,743 Post Office.

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Leave James-slip 8:30 A. M., Mail train for Greenport, Sag Harbor, Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove; 3 P. M., Express, River Head; 4 P. M., Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove; 5:30 P. M., Farmingdale and way stations. All trains connect with branch to Hempstead. Sunday train at 9 A. M. from Hunter's Point for Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove.
L. D. BARTON, Superintendent.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 23, 1868, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:

8 A. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Rutland and North. Drawing-room cars from New-York to Rochester, connecting with the sleeping cars for the West, via either North or South Shore Line.

10 A. M. Express Train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c., at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.

11:30 A. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with trains for the West. Drawing-room car attached to this train through to Troy.

3:30 P.M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, with drawing-room car attached, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping car attached.

4:35 P. M. Express Train via Harlem Railroad, for Albany and Troy, connecting at Albany with Western trains. Sleeping cars attached at Albany.

6 P. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also sleeping cars every day, except Saturdays, without change, via Harlem R. R., and O. & L. Railroad. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany. This train will run on Sundays.

11 P.M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping cars attached, connecting at Albany with early trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North.

A Sunday train will be run via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 9 A. M. Returning, leaves Poughkeepsie at 3 P. M., arriving in New-York at 8:50 P. M.

Also, a Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving 42d-st. at 9 A. M., and arriving at Millerton at 3:40 P. M. Returning, leaves Millerton at 4:30 P. M., arriving at New-York at 9:12 P.M.

WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEpot foot of Chambers-st., Pavonia Ferry:

8 A. M. Day Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and all points West and South.

8:30 A. M. Way Train, daily, for Otisville and intermediate stations.

10 A. M. Express Mail, for Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati and all points West and South.

3:15 P. M. Way Train, for Middletown and intermediate stations.

4 P. M. Way Express, stopping only at Sterling Junction, Turner's, and stations west of Turner's, (except Oxford,) to Newburg, Warwick, Montgomery, Unionville and Port Jervis.

5 P. M. Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.

6 P. M. Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.

6:30 P. M. Night Express, daily, for all points West and South. By this train sleeping coaches will run through to Buffalo, Rochester and Cincinnati, without change.

9 P. M. Emigrant Train, daily, for the West.

Also Way Trains for Rutherford Park, Passaic and Paterson at 6:45 and 9:15 A. M., 12 M., and 1:45, 4:15, 6:45 and 11 P. M. On Wednesday nights a Theatre Train at 12 o'clock for Suffern and intermediate stations.

SUNDAY TRAINS.—8:30 A. M. Way Train for Otisville; 1:45 P. M., for Paterson; 6:30 P. M. Night Express, for Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and all points West and South; 8 P. M. Emigrant and Way Train; 11 P. M. for Paterson and Port Jervis.

Express Trains run through to Buffalo, Rochester, Dunkirk, Cleveland and Cincinnati without change of coaches, and in direct connection with all Southern and Western lines.

Perfectly ventilated and luxurious sleeping coaches accompany all night trains.

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NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains will leave New-York by the Pavonia Ferry, foot of Chambers-st., as follows: At 9 A. M., 1, 4:15, 5:15 and 6:30 P. M. And Saturdays, only 12, midnight. The 1 and 4:15 P. M. run through to Monsey.

Nov. 2, 1868. THOS. W. DEMAREST, Supt.

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FOR BOSTON, VIA NEWPORT AND FALL RIVER.

BY THE OLD FALL RIVER LINE,
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Rates of fare and freight always as low as by any other regular line.

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Leaves Pier No. 28 North River, foot of Murray-st., at 4 P. M. daily, Sundays excepted.

By this route passengers can take train from Newport at 4 A. M., and arrive in Boston at 8:10 A. M., in time to connect with all Northern and Eastern trains; or rest undisturbed, breakfast on board, and take 7:45 A. M. train, and arrive in Boston at early business hours.

E. LITTLEFIELD, Agent,
NEW-YORK, Aug. 19, 1868. No. 72 Broadway, N. Y.

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From Pier No. 33, foot of Jay-st., North River, at 4 P. M.
Arriving ahead of all other lines.
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BLACK STAR INDEPENDENT LINE.
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The first-class steamship THAMES will leave Pier No. 13 North River, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 10, and MONTGOMERY on SATURDAY, Feb. 13, at 3 P. M.

For freight or passage apply to
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FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., DIRECT, [illegible] LAMAGUA & C. BYRNE, [illegible] will be dispatched on THURSDAY, [illegible] M., from Pier No. 8 North River. Cargo [illegible] received to-day. Through bills of lading [illegible] to the interior of South Carolina, Georgia [illegible] Railroad & Co.) forward all goods free of commission.

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HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.
New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line sailing every twenty days. The splendid steamship CITY OF MEXICO, Capt. JOHN DRAKE, will leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of [illegible] THURSDAY, Feb. 18, at 3 P. M.

Freight taken at low rates.

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FOR SALE.—A SCHOONER OF 82 TONS [illegible] can be obtained on reasonable terms, as the owner has no further use for her; can be seen at the foot of West 11th-st. Apply at the office of SALAMANDER WORKS.

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CARRIAGES, VELOCIPEDES, SLEIGHS.
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Harness, bells, robes, &c., at warerooms of CALVIN WITTY, No. 639 Broadway.
A lot of second-hand carriages for sale cheap.

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VERY DESIRABLE INVESTMENT.

The property known as the
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containing 17 acres, running from 186th to 189th sts., with four of the
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The property is located upon one of the most beautiful spots on this Island, and can be purchased cheaper than any other large plot now offered for sale.

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Broadway and 17th-st., Union-square.

TO INSTITUTIONS OR INVESTORS.
BROADWAY.

For sale, the large and splendid property of the Merchants' Union Express Company, located northwest corner of Broadway and Franklin-st., embracing 50 feet front on Broadway by 150 feet deep, with costly six-story building covering the whole lot, with rear and side entrance. The lofts and basement are rented at $40,000 per annum, and possession of the first floor can be given at ten days' notice. If not soon sold, the first floor will be leased. Apply to
HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

LOTS FOR SALE—BY A. JOURNEAY, NO. 1 Pine-st.:
5th-av., a number of choice lots below Central Park, including several corners; also, Central Park lots, Madison-av., between 56th and 57th sts., and other eligible locations.
57th-st., near 5th, Madison and Lexington avs.
46th-st., near 6th-av.
53d-st., between 5th and 6th avs.
125th-st., between 8th and 9th avs.
And a number of other Harlem lots.

REAL ESTATE IN SEVENTH WARD FOR SALE.

The valuable plot of ground bounded by the west side of Coriears-st. and Cherry and Monroe sts., consisting of 25 lots, with large and substantial buildings thereon, suitable for manufacturing or storage purposes.

Apply to C. A. RAPALLO, No. 218 Broadway, or T. F. SECOR, office No. 406 Cherry-st.

TO INSTITUTIONS OR INVESTORS—BROADWAY.—For sale, the large and splendid property of the Merchants' Union Express Company, located northwest corner of Broadway and Franklin-st., embracing 50 feet front on Broadway by 150 feet deep, with costly six-story building covering the whole lot, with rear and side entrance. The lofts and basement are rented at $40,000 per annum, and possession of the first floor can be given at ten days' notice. If not soon sold, the first floor will be leased. Apply to
HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FIRST-CLASS HOUSE FOR SALE.—For sale, one of the best built houses in the City; full size, four-story high-stoop, brown-stone, and in perfect order. Location 383d-st., corner Lexington-av., crown of Murray Hill. Neighborhood, and adjacent and surrounding improvements first-class; stable privilege on the lot. Views from the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th stories to a great extent. Early possession. Price, $55,000. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

WE WISH TO CALL THE ATTENtion of capitalists to the sale of the estates of C. G. Gunther and Joseph Meeks, by order of Executors, to be sold by E. H. LUDLOW & CO., on TUESDAY, Feb. 19, 1869, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, comprising property on Broadway, Crosby, Broad, New, Maiden-lane, Liberty, Canal, Beach and East 23d sts., and country seat at Islip, L. I.

Maps and full particulars. Apply at No. 3 Pine street.

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West 22d-st., four-story E. b. bk. and b.....14,500
3d-st., three-story h. & bk.....16,000
East 20th-st., three-story E. b. & s.....11,800
East 23d-st., four-story E. b. bk., furnished.....14,000

FOR SALE—TWO FRONTS ON 10TH-AV., between 60th and 70th sts., with lots in rear if desired; two lots on south side of 53d-st., 150 feet east of 5th-av.; desirable lots at and near Port Morris, in blocks or in small parcels as desired. FRANK G. BROWN, No. 58 Broadway.

FOR SALE—IN 37TH-ST., NEAR MADISON-av., a very elegant French basement house, built in a superior manner and nicely furnished; size 18.10 by about 55 feet; lot 98.9. Will be sold with or without the elegant furniture. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

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THE GRAND PLAZA AND UNION-st.—Fronts on each. Splendid lots at auction by JOHNSON & MILLER, at 12 o'clock, on THURSDAY, Feb. 11. Map at No. 25 Nassau-st.

FOR SALE—FOUR LOTS OF GROUND, each 25x100, south side of 121st-st., 200 feet west of 10th-av. Apply at No. 5 Beekman-st., Room No. 8, first floor.

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FIFTH-AV., NEW-YORK, IS NOT more aristocratic now than 9th-av., Brooklyn, will be in a few years. The latter skirts PROSPECT PARK, Brooklyn's pride. The lots on the corner of this splendid avenue and Union-st Boulevard, to be sold at auction without reserve, by JOHNSON & MILLER, on THURSDAY, Feb. 11, are the choicest in the City of Brooklyn, and in ten years will probably command prices equal to those that 5th-av., New-York, lots are now selling for. Maps at No. 25 Nassau-st.

FRONTING THE PARK ON THE northwest corner of 9th-av. and President-st.—Splendid lots at auction by JOHNSON & MILLER, at 12 o'clock on THURSDAY, Feb. 11, at Exchange Salesroom. Maps at No. 25 Nassau-st.

NINTH-AV. AND PRESIDENT-ST., Brooklyn, FRONTING PROSPECT PARK.—Splendid lots at auction by JOHNSON & MILLER, at 12 o'clock, on THURSDAY, Feb. 11, 1869.

FOR SALE—IN A CHARMING LOCATION in Brooklyn, handsome modern three-story high-stoop brown-stone house, 22 feet front; price $15,000. Permits of A. JOURNEAY, No. 1 Pine-st.

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FURNISHED HOUSE WANTED—AT Carmansville or Fort Washington, for a period of one year from 1st of April or May next; must have improved grounds and stable accommodation. Address Post Office Box No. 5,179, stating location and terms.

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Characters by Mr. LESTER WALLACK, Mr. JOHN GILBERT, Mr. CHARLES FISHER, Mr. J. H. STODDART, Mr. POLK, Mr. RINGGOLD, Mr. ROCKWELL, Mr. BROWNE, Mr. MATTHEWS, Mr. MILTON, Mr. LEONARD, Mr. CASEIN, Mr. MELTON, Mr. BALLIMORE, Mr. HOLLOWAY, Mr. HOWARD, Mr. WARD, Mr. QUIGLEY, Miss ROSE EYTINGE, Mrs. CLARA JENNINGS, Miss ANNIE WARD, Mrs. SEDLEY BROWN, Mrs. L. DALLIMORE, Miss Cs. SPIER, Miss DAY, &c., &c.
The scene is laid at Messina, about the middle of the Sixteenth Century.
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In order to add the effect and give additional room for the Scenery,
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This play, by the gifted author of "Ours" and "Caste," will be prepared with every attention to detail, immediately after the production of the present Shakespearean revival.

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PLUTO; OR, THE MAGIC LYRE.

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PROSPECT PARK.

The Work of the Commissioners—Their Annual Report for 1868—A Great City Market and a Metropolitan University Suggested.

Prospect Park is not merely to Brooklyn what the Central Park is to New-York, but is one of the necessary adjuncts to the metropolis—Brooklyn and New-York—being as important to the well being of the one city as of the other. Prospect Park is the grand breathing place for that portion of the Metropolitan population having residence in Brooklyn, hence its more immediate importance to that city. It has natural advantages to which the Central Park cannot lay claim. Much that resulted from the genius of the architects in beautifying Central Park they found to their hands, "ready made," in the ground constituting Prospect Park. Nature, which was before and better than art, had only to be adapted, and, in some respects, modified and arranged so as to develop it into a thing of beauty and harmony, calculated to gratify tastes already mature, as well as to cultivate among the community loftier and more refined desires for the exquisitely ornate in art and nature. These are considerations which the Prospect Park Commissioners have borne in mind, and if we mistake not are determined to keep in view until their work shall have been completed. This was fully promised in their last annual report in their opening passage, in which they expressed their sense of duty as follows: "With a full appreciation of the great responsibility of the trust committed to them, they are still cheered by the reflection that while they are laboring to secure to their fellow citizens the advantages of a beautiful and healthful pleasure-ground, which must soon prove as conspicuous for its moral as for its material effects upon our City, they are at the same time strengthening that great bond of social sympathy, which should universally pervade a great commercial community, if we would have a sure guarantee of its permanence and success." The annual report is now overdue, but it is understood to be in course of preparation, if it has not already been completed. At all events, some subjects that have been discussed with closed doors will undoubtedly receive attention in that report. The Commissioners have deemed it best to hold their meetings with closed doors, thus depriving the daily papers the opportunity of publishing their proceedings at length. They appear to have adopted the advice of the poet BURNS, to

"Ay free, aff han' your story tell,
When wi' a bosom crony;
But still keep something to yourself
Ye scarcely tell to ony."

Nevertheless, the Commissioners are not only intelligent but some of them communicative; hence we are able to present some of the points to be covered in the forthcoming report, one of the most important matters presented for the consideration of the Common Council will be the establishing of

A GRAND MARKET.

The ground suggested for this is that known as the City Park, located between Flushing and Park avenues and Navy-street, noted as the sequestered spot where ORTEGO, the rich Cuban, was murdered several years ago. It is not deemed advisable to retain this ground as a park. It is in close proximity to Washington Park, and its capacious and convenient sewerage, its contiguousness to the water front, and consequently its easy communication with all parts of the adjacent country, all point to it as possessing peculiar advantages for a general market. The Commissioners believe that public opinion is decidedly in favor of the change. The statistics of 1868 show that a large number of the large amount of cereals sent to market in New-York from Long Island, millions of dollars' worth of potatoes, &c., and of milk, eggs and poultry were also sent—in the whole amounting to over $6,000,000. That amount has since been largely increased by the additional facilities furnished in the enlargement of the Southside Railroad Company. It is hoped by the Commissioners that the city will soon resume control of the City Park, and, after properly regulating the ground, proceed to the erection of a substantial general market upon such a liberal and enlarged scale as shall secure to the citizens of Brooklyn a cheap and full supply of the prime necessities of life, and thus obviate the present necessity of traveling to the New-York markets, paying extravagant prices for their provisions, and thus carrying them back to Brooklyn, through which they had already passed *en route* from the Long Island farms. This suggestion is timely, and will receive the approbation of the masses.

THE WHOLE CITY TAXED TO SUPPORT THE PROSPECT PARK.

Contrary to the expectation of many of the Brooklyn people, the curious fact that when the Park is finished, the cost of keeping it in order is to devolve upon the whole city, from Greenpoint to Gowanus, will be revealed in the report. This course is recommended to confine the burden to the Western District, but the last Legislature, in a quiet way, made provision as already announced. This course is believed to be an act of substantial justice, the more obvious when it came to be seen that the interest taken in the Park was not confined to any particular locality, but that all participated in their advantages, and felt an equal pride in the successful development of the several plans for their improvement.

STREETS IN THE TOWNS OF KINGS COUNTY.

The Commissioners will, in the report, express regret that the bill introduced into the Legislature last year for laying out streets and avenues through Kings County beyond the City of Brooklyn, did not become a law. One reason offered for this regret, is the course taken by the proprietors of lots, who, upon bringing their property into market and cutting up their farms for sale, seem to lay out their streets and avenues, and arrange their property, according to their own fancy, or supposed advantage, without reference to the public convenience; without knowing, in fact, what the public requirements really are.

EXTENSION OF PROSPECT PARK.

The Commissioners will submit as their opinion that any further extension of the Park boundaries by the acquisition of the twelve blocks of land at its western angle, would tend to mar the symmetry of its present fine proportions, and entail an unnecessary expense upon the city.

MORE PARKS IN THE FUTURE.

When the future wants of Brooklyn may require more extended park accommodations, it is suggested that the public convenience will be better served by opening other parks in different and more remote sections of the city, than by adding to the present ample dimensions of Prospect Park.

A UNIVERSITY SUGGESTED.

The Commissioners believe that the improvement of the land lying east of Flatbush-avenue, which is under their control as a portion of the park, is undesirable, because of the amount of bridging over Flatbush-avenue that would be required, and because that broad thoroughfare which connects the City of Brooklyn with the extensive agricultural country beyond it, seriously interferes with those impressions of amplitude and continuous extent which are necessary to landscape effect. In addition to this, the full development of the great southeastern parkway through the heart of the Ninth Ward, will require that improvement to be carried through this section to the plaza, east of the reservoir, and will still further lessen the capabilities of this portion of the park. A portion of this land, however, running north and south of Prospect Hill, and along Flatbush-avenue, to the depth of 250 feet—embracing in the whole about twenty-five acres—could be retained by the city and used to good advantage for various municipal purposes. But it is believed that the time is not far distant when a generous and exalted public sentiment will require that considerable portions of this land shall be devoted to still more liberal uses. Upon the basis of carefully collected statistics, showing the actual progress of population for the last forty years, it is computed that the advance of Brooklyn will, within the next fifteen years, carry the aggregate of its people to beyond a million. The botanical, historical and kindred societies of the city already demand ample space for their development, while its men of letters and of science are preparing to seize the opportunity here presented of establishing a university, which shall be metropolitan in character as well as in position. The location referred to will soon become the geographical centre of a great religious and intellectual people, which, with its park surrounding it, will afford opportunities for mental culture, as well as for artistic and athletic training, such as can probably not be found anywhere else upon the continent. A wise forecast would seem to demand that these advantages be secured for the generations who are to advance the moral and mental progress of our race.

A PROFITABLE RECOMMENDATION.

After making the reservation just alluded to, there would still remain a high plateau of land of about one hundred acres, and the Commissioners submit to their constituents whether it would not be better to adopt the suggestion which has been made to allow this land to return to its former desistic uses. The plot contains 1,200 city lots, which would probably realize, if properly laid out and sold in suitable building covenants, about $2,000 per lot—a total of $2,500,000, to be applied in liquidation of the park debt. If this amount is increased by the probable value of the buildings to be erected thereon, there would hardly be less than $3,000,000 added to the taxable property of the City of Brooklyn, and the revenue of which would be thus enlarged $250,000 per annum. At the same time there would be a direct saving to the city of at least $1,500,000—the probable cost of improving this property if retained as a park—and of about $40,000 a year for the cost of its maintenance, with interest on both sums.

WORK ON PROSPECT PARK FOR THE YEAR.

In general terms, it may be said that forty-eight acres were under treatment during the year, and that the whole space finished is one hundred and forty acres; thirty-one of which are wood land. During the year it is intended to construct the large fountain basin which is to occupy the centre of the plaza. Twelve acres of the lake have been excavated, and during the ensuing season it will be increased to twenty acres and filled with water. In the years 1867 and 1868 the taxable property added to the City in the three wards contiguous to Prospect Park, the Eighth, Ninth and Twentieth, was, according to the Assessors' books, $10,974,806. This must yield about $90,000 more than the year's interest on the whole park debt, as it stands at the present time. In Flatbush, the value of property has nearly doubled during the year, having increased from $3,389,918 in 1867 to $6,030,970 in 1868. The Commissioners have under their control Prospect, Washington, Carroll, City Hall and City Parks, and the Parade Ground.

THE FORT GREENE PARK.

The transformation of Fort Greene, or Washington Park, on Myrtle-avenue between Cumberland and Canton streets, has progressed so as to enable the architects to hope that the whole work will be completed and ready for occupancy by the public before the expiration of the coming Summer. Although the Commissioners were opposed to this improvement more than a year ago, it will add much to the beauty of the neighborhood and to the value of the surrounding property.

The reports of OLMSTED, VAUX & Co., the architects, the engineer in charge, and the assistant engineers in charge, are understood to be replete with statistics, which, after the general review already made, would add but little to the interest of this article. The public will probably be regaled with the report *in extenso* before many weeks elapse.

THE ROGERS MURDER.

The Case Against the Vagrant—Trying On the Coat and Hat—A Scene in Tailand's Cell.

According to the hints that have been given by the officials, to-day promises to be decisive in some degree of the latest, and, in many respects, the most singular, phase of the Rogers murder. The evidence against JOHN ROBINSON, the friendless vagrant, will be submitted to the Grand Jury, and that body will have the opportunity of judging of its weight and relevancy. As the days pass, and bit by bit the testimony against ROBINSON leaks out by various channels, it seems more and more certain that the officers are relying almost entirely upon the identification of the coat and hat by the man DELANOY as articles which he gave, last Summer, to a person he calls "JIM MAHER," and who is said to be identical with the vagrant ROBINSON. The public has already been informed that the identity of the hat is claimed to be established by the fact that DELANOY had placed on the inside of the sweatband the number of the hat as a private mark by which he could claim his property. The coat, it is known, is asserted to be the one given ROBINSON by the fact that the stains on the sleeve-lining DELANOY claims to be paint spots, which he got there when once wearing the coat while painting on the steamer on which he was employed, and on which, he says, ROBINSON was also a hand. The additional evidence claimed to have been obtained by the officers seems to be cumulative upon this one point, and is therefore valuable only as tending to corroborate DELANOY. Some of this evidence, however, is to the point that ROBINSON was on the vessel, and was in communication with DELANOY, but it has been robbed of its value to a great extent by the fact that ROBINSON, whenever questioned on the subject since he has been in custody, has unreservedly admitted his employment on the vessel, and his acquaintance with DELANOY. But all of these minor points of evidence do not go before the Grand Jury, and as the case will only have before it the testimony proving that the hat and coat of the murderer were given to ROBINSON by DELANOY, there can be but little doubt that an indictment will be found against the vagrant.

The fact that will be used in favor of ROBINSON, should he ever be placed on trial, appear to multiply so fast that the chances of DELANOY becoming the instrument of avenging justice seem to become less and less. The latest of these facts which have been revealed, is the sale of Joseph the hat and coat by ROBINSON. When he was brought to this ordeal DELANOY was, of course, present, and the hat being shown to ROBINSON, he was asked if he had ever seen it before. Looking his questioner steadily in the face, and without betraying any emotion save a scowl with the exception of the answered: "Not that I know of." This scene was repeated with the coat, and when he returned precisely the same answer, DELANOY was not to be restrained, and said, decidedly: "Why, that's the hat and coat I gave you on the steamer." ROBINSON looked at him with amazement intensified in his face and answered quickly and as decidedly: "I don't know what you are at, but you never gave me any hat or coat." Of course the hat and coat fitted well enough, for it is useless of the myrmidons in case that these articles are endowed with the extraordinary property of fitting large men and small men, and any and all men. But the scene we have sketched left an impression that there was a mistake or a falsehood somewhere about that hat and coat, and that ROBINSON was possessed of more nerve than is given to most of his fellow-men. His first view of the articles did not startle him and he did not betray, even by the twitch of a muscle, that their touch upon his person brought to his mind any recollection of the terrible scene in Twelfth-street.

But while waiting for all the facts in the case, it will be well for the public to bear in mind that the Police continue to assert that they are in possession of evidence sufficient to convict ROBINSON of the crime, and it has been also asserted that the District-Attorney, being privy to all the testimony, has expressed an opinion to that effect. Therefore, it is possible that the industry and perseverance of Sergt. LOWERY have gathered evidence of which no hint has been given, and which may be of enough weight to overcome the facts which will be urged in favor of the prisoner. It may be even that evidence has been obtained tending to show how and why ROBINSON had in his pocket an envelope directed to "JAMES LOGAN City N. Y." but if so, the testimony is rigorously kept from the public. It may be that all the difficulties and contradictions that seem to environ the case will melt away, as the Police declare they will when exposed to the full light of the testimony for the prosecution, and the public cannot therefore do better than remain unbiased and ready for any revelations that may be made. Meantime, no profit can result from giving currency to the many absurd tales that are floating through Police circles, and they are therefore omitted.

As we have already announced, the two LOGANS will again be brought before Judge BARNARD, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, and they will either be liberated or the Court will be furnished with satisfactory reasons for their further detention. The writ of *habeas corpus* has not, however, been invoked in behalf of JAMES TALLAND, and that first prisoner of the Rogers case promises to be also the last. It is now thirty-nine days since he walked voluntarily into the Mercer-street Station-house and said that he had come because he had heard the Police wanted him in connection with the murder, and, while declaring his entire innocence, asked for the fullest investigation. From that day to this he has been a close prisoner, apparently forgotten by all the officials except the one who has a contract for feeding him, for there is no evidence that any effort has been made to obtain any facts that would justify his detention. The most that has been uttered in Police circles is that he knows something about the murder and refuses to tell it, but even this has taken no more substantial form than that of surmise. TALLAND is declared by the Police to have been an outlaw from his cradle, but a scene occurred at the Station-house on Saturday which made his custodians doubtful of their ability to justify his long detention. His sister called, and desired to see him, but the request was not, of course, granted. Then, with tears in her eyes, she told her errand. TALLAND being locked up, could do nothing for the support of his mother and sister, and, as a consequence, they had that day been notified by the landlord to pay the arrears of rent, or they would be put into the street. The doorman carried this simple tale of poverty to the prisoner in his cell, and when he heard it the strong man sank upon his cot and sobbed convulsively. Then he rose up and made a first, but bitter protest against his treatment. If, he said, there was anything against him, he would not complain; but as all the days of his imprisonment had failed to give the authorities the least atom of evidence connecting him with the murder, they did not believe they had the right to hold him any longer. Then, stripping off his overcoat, he pushed it through the bars to the doorman, saying; "Give her that, and tell her to pawn it; it'll keep them from starving for a day, anyhow." The doorman took the overcoat and the message, but the sister refused to take the garment, and went away still sorrowing.

A Bold Robbery—Exciting Chase After the Thieves—Their Capture.

Capt. LEICH, of the Forty-ninth Precinct, Brooklyn, distinguished himself on Saturday afternoon in a chase after and capture of two thieves. It appears that shortly after 2 o'clock in the afternoon, HENRY SCHNEIDER entered the grocery store of ERNEST H. EDEN, at the corner of Tompkins-avenue and Quincy-street, ostensibly to purchase some coal. He had in company with him PETER HAY. The clerk of the store was alone at the time, and when he went outside to measure the coal for SCHNEIDER, HAY went behind the counter and depleted the money drawer of $58 in greenbacks. The clerk caught on the trick and endeavored to detain HAY by holding the door shut, but SCHNEIDER overpowered him and HAY escaping from the store ran toward Fulton-avenue while SCHNEIDER ran down Tompkins-avenue. The clerk gave HAY chase and was soon reinforced by Capt. LEICH and Officers NELSON and SPELLMAN, of the Forty-ninth Precinct. At this point the chase became interesting and exciting. The thieves were fleet of foot and took opposite directions. Capt. LEICH, however, addressed himself to the task of following HAY—the thief with the money—who bounded over fences and through houses with a speed almost magical. By-and-by, as he emerged from one of his hiding-places, the Captain met Mr. MULLENHAU in his wagon, and taking a seat therein drove after HAY and came up with him as he was jumping on a car. Seeing the Captain he right hand, inflicting a severe but not dangerous wound. SULLIVAN was arrested, and was yesterday committed by Justice DOWLING.

SAMUEL HOWES, who had charge of the lunch counter of JOHN FLYNN, at No. 681 Broadway, was yesterday committed by Justice DODGE on a charge of stealing spoons and other articles belonging to the establishment, valued at $50. The complaint was made by FLYNN, who alleges the larceny was committed during his temporary absence from the saloon.

The Sunday evening meeting at the Newsboys' Lodging-house yesterday was addressed by CHARLES L. BRACE, WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT, Mr. BRIGGS, of Ohio, JUDGE KIRKLAND, and Mr. JAMES. A number of ladies and distinguished gentlemen were present.

A prominent Detective Agency in the lower part of the City has, it is understood, discovered some of the parties connected with the robbery of the Montreal Bank of St. Catharine, Canada, and also succeeded in recovering some of the money.

CHARLES HUDSON, a patrolman of the Eighteenth Precinct, died yesterday.

WILLIAM FAHEY, aged 5 years, died yesterday afternoon from the results of a fall into a cellar, at the corner of First-avenue and Eighteenth-street on Saturday. The Coroner was notified to hold an inquest at the residence of his parents, No. 408 East Eighteenth-street.

JOHN GRAHAM, aged 10 years, while engaged yesterday afternoon in flying a kite from the roof of No. 137 Mulberry-street, fell to the ground and died in a few minutes from the injuries he received. The body was removed to the residence of his parents, No. 127 Mott-street, and the Coroner notified.

AUGUSTUS PONDERSON, a mate of a vessel, broke his arm yesterday afternoon by falling down an area. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

JOHN RYAN, who lives at No. 179 Elizabeth-street, fell in the street yesterday afternoon and received a slight scalp wound.

A fire occurred last evening in the dwelling of HENRY FLANDERS, on the fourth floor of No. 15 Ludlow-street, this City, caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp. Damage reported at $75. The premises are insured in the Pacific Company for $800.

At 8 P. M. yesterday a fire, causing slight damage, occurred in the shop of R. ROSENTHAL, No. 163 Laurens-street.

At 2:30 P. M. yesterday a fire was discovered in the basement of No. 12 Whitehall-street, occupied by PATRICK WALSH. It was extinguished with trifling damage.

Installation of Rev. G. M. McEckron.

Last evening Rev. G. M. MCECKRON was installed as pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, in Twenty-second-street, in the presence of a very large congregation. After the usual evening services, a sermon on the duties of pastors was delivered by Rev. JOHN HALL. Rev. Mr. KELLOGG then delivered the charge to Mr. MCECKRON, after which the usual questions were put to him, and he was declared by the presiding Presbyter, Rev. Dr. ALEXANDER, to be duly installed as pastor of the Church. Rev. Dr. MURRAY delivered the charge to the congregation, and spoke of the many difficulties a pastor has to encounter, his discouragements, the liability of his acts to misconception, and the necessity for maintaining a firm alliance over himself and those under his charge. He besought his hearers to assist their new pastor by their prayers as well as by other means, and impressed on the young the necessity of heeding his teachings. The congregation were dismissed with the benediction, pronounced by Rev. Dr. ALEXANDER.

Catholic Church Dedication in Brooklyn.

The new and beautiful Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mercy, in Debevoise-street, near De-Kalb-avenue, Brooklyn, of which Rev. Father TAAFE is pastor, was yesterday morning dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, by Right Rev. Bishop LOUGHLIN, of the Brooklyn diocese. The new edifice is an imposing structure of brick, fronting 70 feet on Debevoise-street, and running back, parallel with DeKalb-avenue, 128 feet. It is calculated to seat about 2,000 people. The style of its architecture is modern Gothic. The cost of the building is upward of $70,000. The inside finish is very elaborate and costly. Over the main altar, at the head of the centre aisle, are three stained-glass windows, the centre one having a representation of our Saviour standing in one hand the chalice, while the other is partly extended, in the act of blessing it, as if he were consummating what is held to be the great mystery of Transubstantiation. The other windows have representations of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph respectively. Over the windows of the church are gifts of members of the congregation. Beyond those, over the altar, and in close proximity to the side walls of the sanctury, are two crosses of most chaste design, in fresco, one on either side, and entwined around each is a scroll with the inscription, on the one, "God forbid that I should glory," and on the other, "Save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." The sanctuary is very large, and leads out from a neat vestry room which is on the north side of the church. The arched ceiling of the edifice is paneled in fresco, the ground of the panels over the sanctuary being blue, and those over the body of the church white. In the centre of each panel is a design commemorative of some fact in the history of our Lord's passion and death, all of which are executed in the highest style of art. On each side there is a spacious gallery for worshipers, and at the front a commodious gallery for the choir. The congregation in attendance yesterday filled the edifice, notwithstanding an admission fee of 25 was charged to aid in defraying the expenses of the building. At 11 o'clock the procession of acolytes and ecclesiastics, headed by the cross-bearer, emerged from the vestry, Right Rev. Bishop LOUGHLIN, vested in his episcopal robes and bearing his crozier, following. Passing down the main aisle he made the circuit of the church outside, the Bishop aspersing the walls with holy water, after which the procession reentered the building, and when it arrived at the main altar the Litany of the Saints was recited, after which the circuit of the church was made, inside, and the walls were aspersed in the same manner. The appropriate prayers were then recited at the foot of the altar, and the dedicatory service was ended.

The solemn high mass was then begun, Rev. Dr. LINDON, Vicar-General of Boston, acting as celebrant, Rev. EUGENE CASSIDY, of Mary's Star of the Sea, officiating as deacon, Rev. JOHN MCKENNA, of Southold, L. I., as sub-deacon, and Rev. JAMES MCELROY, curate of the new church, as master of ceremonies. After the First Gospel had been sung, Bishop LOUGHLIN ascended the pulpit and preached a learned discourse, taking his text from the fifth chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, verses 24th to the 27th, inclusive. After alluding to the pleasure it afforded him and the Catholic community at large to behold so grand an edifice as that in which they were assembled, erected by the zeal of their congregation of the parish, the preacher proceeded to speak of the Church as the mystical body of Christ, united to him as his spouse, and subject to him as the spouse is subject to her husband. He then reviewed the prominent doctrines of the Church, the Holy Eucharist, purgatory, confession of sins, the invocation of saints, &c., showing how they all had one aim and object, the sanctification of man, and that the sacraments of the Church were the means or helps instituted by the founder of Christianity to enable mankind to merit an eternity of glory in the after life. The discourse, which was over an hour in length, was listened to with the most profound attention throughout. The solemn high mass was then continued. After the communion, Rev. Father CASSIDY, pastor of the church, briefly thanked the congregation for the aid they had given him in bringing the erection of the church to completion, and announced the regulations for Lent. The musical exercises were of a high order. HAYDN'S Imperial Mass No. 3 was sung, the soprano solos being executed by Mrs. MARTHA D. CLARKE. An orchestra under the direction of Mr. LUNDER, and Mr. WOLFE at the organ, furnished the instrumentation. Among the clergy present in the sanctuary were Rev. Dr. Freel, Fathers McCarthy, of New-York; Corcoran, Cassidy, McKenna, Gleason, Mullane, McSherry and Lennon, of Brooklyn, and O'Bierne, of Flushing.

Grand musical vespers were given at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, on which occasion Rev. Dr. LYNDON, of Boston, preached an appropriate sermon.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Services at Cooper Institute.

WILLIAM R. ALGER, of Boston, preached before a large congregation at Cooper Institute Hall last evening, selecting as his text the words, "I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."

He began by alluding to the tendency in nations, communities and individuals to create monopolies—the greatest, perhaps, of which we have knowledge being created by Joseph in Egypt, when he bought and hoarded up the corn of the land, and subsequently sold it out to the people, for which he first exacted their money, then their lands, and last of all themselves. In Athens the tendency became so great to monopolize the fruits of the land that a law was enacted prohibiting any citizen from buying more than a certain specified quantity. In the days of ELIZABETH, a citizen of England held a monopoly of alum, and Sir WALTER RALEIGH of tobacco, while in many European nations the Jesuits have long struggled to maintain a monopoly of education. Monopolies ever tend to increase the cost, deteriorate the value, and limit the supply of the article affected by it. After characterizing the late war of political monopolists to shut the door of freedom, but which the great democratic majority declared with straining veins on a hundred battle-fields should never, never be closed, he criticised the various religious sects, who mainly seek to create to themselves a monopoly of all that is virtuous and pure, claiming that in their way alone can man obtain salvation, and all else is impious and heretical. The eloquent divine then went on to illustrate the various doors which God had opened to mankind, in which he referred to the door of nature, where the eye could freely feast on wonders of art, surpassing in infinite degree anything born of human genius which yet hath decked palatial walls, either public or private; the door of nature whereby man may enter his inner soul, and explore provinces of power before of all that enriches, ennobles, and elevates; the door of social organization, where the finest impulses of the human heart may be cultivated and enjoyed; the door of religion, of death, and lastly of heaven itself. He gave a glowing picture of the redeemed spirit disenthralled from the cumbrous clay of earth, joyfully taking its flight toward the home of its Father and God.

Church Charity Foundation of Long Island.

The seventeenth anniversary services of the Church Charity Foundation, of Long Island, were held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, last evening, Bishop LITTLEJOHN presiding. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. DILLER, Rev. Dr. BURGESS, Rev. Dr. HOFFMAN and Rev. Dr. VINTON. The annual report of the institution was read by Rev. Dr. VAN KLEECK, of Flatbush. It appeared that during the year, two of the inmates of the Home for Aged Women, died; two withdrew, and seven applications for admission had been favorably considered, six of the applicants having entered. There were now in the house twenty-five aged women, and fifty children in the Orphan Department. In 1853, there were but four aged women in the Home, and no children. In the first year of the Foundation, the receipts amounted to $253 83, and the expenditures to $203 97. Last year the receipts amounted to $7,918 23, and the expenditures to $9,445 19; and now, with the new-born diocese, thoroughly organized under the most favorable auspices, the Church was asked to come up to the help of its Charity Foundation and extend its usefulness. It should include departments for not only aged women and orphaus, but also for aged married women, aged men, aged mariners and for sisterhoods in the work of the Church. To this end the wealth of the members of the Church in the Diocese of Long Island was mostly looked to.

Rev. Dr. MORGAN, rector of St. Thomas' Church, New-York, preached the annual sermon, taking as his text:

"I have shewed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."—Acts xx., 35.

The preacher, after showing that the grand peroration of the text had not been recorded by any of the four Evangelists in the Gospels, and commending the wisdom of the Apostles for preserving the sentiment of the blessedness of giving for the benefit of the human race, addressed to the vast congregation an uncompromising summary of Christian duty to be performed by all members of the Church without exception. He urged that the doctrine of Christian charity lay at the foundation of Church's usefulness—it was the doctrine of sacrifice. The mere subscription to the covenant did not make a complete Christian; only the performance of duty could do that. There was no room for idlers in the Church. Becoming a Christian inferred the resolve to be more Christ-like. Christ was himself a gift and his whole life was made up of giving. The preacher urged the claims of the Church Charity Foundation, and presented it as the great charitable work for the new diocese to support and extend; and he hoped that neither the clergy nor laity, rich or poor, would forget the great fundamental law of the Church's prosperity, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

A collection was taken up, and the services concluded with the benediction pronounced by Bishop LITTLEJOHN.

The Perils and Prospects of Protestantism.

Rev. J. S. INSKIP, of the Greene-street Methodist Episcopal Church, preached yesterday morning on the "Perils and Prospects of Protestantism." His text was taken from Mathew, xvi., 3:

"But can ye not discern the signs of the time?"

Protestantism, he said, had been defined as the insurrection of the human understanding against priestly orders. Generally speaking, the term Protestant is applied to all those who take special issue with the Church of Rome. At the same time there is no doctrine of the Protestant faith that is not inculcated in the Catholic Church; that is, there is no dogma of religion, strictly so called, which is not common to both sects. The difference exists in the administrative polity of the two Churches. As, for instance, the invocation of the saints is not in itself an unscriptural doctrine, but it is abused by the Catholics in carrying it to an extreme. The great point of difference between the Churches is in the right of private judgment, which is at once the peculiar peril and glory of the Protestant faith. The Catholics hold that the Church must be obeyed. They recognize the authority of the Bible, but in addition make their creed of equal weight. The Protestant interprets the Scriptures as he individually understands them; the Catholic believes what his Church expounds. The former holds that salvation can be found without the Church; the latter is told that to disobey the Church is damnation. The preacher then described the power and growth of the Catholic Church in our country and the devotion of its adherents. But the danger of Protestantism does not come from this source. He believed this nation would never become Catholic. The peril is in its own friends and in its own position. The difficulty is that the human judgment has no bounds, and, consequently, there is a great diversity of faith among Protestants. The tendency of our age is to go away from the Bible—the rock on which rests the hope of the world. A most unfortunate omen is the fact that the Book is made subordinate, and human reason placed above it. Another peril is in the tendency of what is called Liberal Christianity to lean away from Protestantism. Our best periodical literature is against Evangelical religion. Humanitarianism will eventually make men infidels. On the other hand, the only hope of Protestantism is in Spirituality. Without this saving quality inspiring the soul we shall be lost. Reason cannot take the place of piety. Ceremonialism and skepticism are encroaching upon the bulwarks of the true faith, and the preacher urged his hearers to fall into line, and, with the help of the Spirit and fervent prayer and more attention and devotion to religious services, to resist the swelling tide of false belief.

North Baptist Church.

Rev. JOHN J. BROUNER, the newly-installed Pastor of the North Baptist Church, preached for the first time before his new charge yesterday morning. The services were interesting throughout. Mr. BROUNER said he felt in assuming the charge like a son returning to his parent Church, inasmuch as he had always been identified with it. He paid a touching tribute to the memory of his father, who was long the Pastor of the Church, and who fell pierced by the shaft of death in the pulpit to which his son has now been called. He reviewed his connection with the Church from his childhood, and spoke of his desires and hopes for the future. The audience were deeply moved with his earnestness, and his advent among them seems promising of success.

Reopening of St. John's Chapel.

St. John's Chapel, Varick-street, one of the Trinity churches, was opened yesterday, after undergoing extensive alterations and improvements. The chancel has been lengthened some forty feet; new seats for a choir, numbering about thirty voices, evidently well-trained, have been placed in it. The organ, which is old, and has long been in a state of great dilapidation, has been removed from the large gallery at the west end of the church to an opening or chamber on the north side of the chancel, where its pipes and machinery have, evidently, been hur-

riedly crowded into it without much regard to space, a proper distribution of sound or the convenience of either the organist or the choir which is intended to accompany it. This was painfully perceptible during the singing of the anthem, and when no permission on the part of the operating organist, Dr. JAMES PECK, could, apparently, induce it to give forth those accompaniments which might, under more favorable circumstances, have heightened the general effect of some really good singing. Both architect and organ builder have ignored the age in which they live, and have lost sight of the many improvements and of the æsthetic culture for which this Nineteenth Century is so remarkable in relation to musical invention and the science of acoustics. The organ is now decidedly of the organist unworthy, and of the edifice in which it is placed.

The church, though yet unfinished, presented a handsome appearance, and may now be considered one of the finest church buildings in the country. Rev. Dr. WESTON, one of the assistant ministers of Trinity Parish, preached the sermon.

[illegible]h of the Heavenly Rest.

The opening of the new Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest, on Fifth-avenue, near Forty-fifth-street, took place yesterday morning. A large number of visitors attended, who much admired the beautiful and brightly-colored interior. A male quartette choir sang the hymns, and the services were conducted by Rev. Dr. T. K. CONRAD, one of the rectors. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. R. S. HOWLAND, the other incumbent. In the afternoon, Rev. Dr. WESTON, of Trinity Church, preached, and the services were chanted by boy choristers. In the evening, the sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. CONRAD, upon the text, from the 127th Psalm, of: "Except the Lord build the house, their labor is in vain that build it." The point of the discourse was that human labor was useless without Divine aid, and that the blessing of Heaven should be invoked upon all human endeavor, coupled with an obedience to God's laws.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 6—11 A. M.
Consols for money, 93¾; Consols for account, 93¾@93¾. United States Five-twenties, 76¾.
The Stock markets are quiet and steady. Erie Railway Shares buoyant; Illinois Centrals, 93¾.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, Feb. 6—11 A. M.
COTTON—The market opens buoyant. Middling Uplands, 12¼d.; Middling Orleans, 12¾d.; sales of the day are estimated at 15,000 bales.
BREADSTUFFS—Wheat, 11s. 4d. ₱ cental for California White.
PRODUCE—Resin, 6s. 3d. ₱ cwt. for Common North Carolina.

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 6—11 A. M.
Turpentine, 34s. 6d. ₱ cwt.

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 6—7 P. M.
Consols for money, 93¾; for the account, 93¾. United States Five-twenties, 1862, coupon, 76¾. The Stock market closed quiet and steady; Erie opened buoyant at 25¾, and closed at 25½; Illinois Centrals, 93¾; Atlantic and Great Western, 40.

FRANKFORT, Saturday, Feb. 6—Evening.
United States Five-twenties, coupon, 80¾.

PARIS, Saturday, Feb. 6—Evening.
The Bourse closed firmer; Rentes have advanced to 70f. 90c.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, Feb. 6—Evening.
COTTON—The Cotton market closed active at an advance of fully ¼d. ₱ lb. on American descriptions. The sales have to-day exceeded the estimate made at the opening, aggregating 20,000 bales, including the usual proportion for export and speculation. The following are the closing figures:

Middling Uplands on the spot	12¾d.
Middling Uplands afloat	12¾d.
Middling Orleans	12¾d.

BREADSTUFFS—The market closed without material change in prices.
Provisions quiet and steady.
PRODUCE—Tallow has declined 3d. since last report, and is now quoted at 46s. 3d. per cwt. for American. Standard White Petroleum, 1s. per gallon for new. [There has been an act of Parliament altering the standard of Petroleum. Hitherto the legal test of merchantable Petroleum has been that when exposed to 100 degrees Fahrenheit it should not inflame, although it might emit flashes from small portions of escaping gas. It is now required that at 100 degrees it shall not even give out the least inflammable exhalations, and this constitutes the "new test."—ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTER.]

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 6—Evening.
Spirits Turpentine is firmer and higher; American, 35s. 6d. Tallow opened at 46s., but closed at 46s. 3d. ₱ cwt. for Petersburg Y. C.

HAVRE, Saturday, Feb. 6—Evening.
Cotton opened steady, but closed firmer and higher at the following prices: Tres Ordinaire, ₱ cwt., 141f.; Low Middlings, afloat, 140f.

ANTWERP, Saturday, Feb. 6.
Petroleum closed at 58½f.@59f., for Standard White.

FRANKFORT, Sunday, Feb. 7.
United States Five-twenties closed Saturday at 80¾. To-day they are firmer and higher, and are quoted at 80¾.

LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 7.
After the closing of the market reports Saturday, Spirits of Turpentine advanced to 35s. ₱ cwt. in London, and to 35s. 6d. in Liverpool. Common Resin at Liverpool closed steady at 6s. 3d.

HAVANA, Sunday, Feb. 7.
The following are the closing prices of merchandise for the week ending Saturday, Feb. 6: SUGAR firm; Nos. 10 and 12 Dutch Standard, 8¼@8¾ reals ₱ arroba; Nos. 15 to 20 Dutch Standard, 9¼@10¾ reals; exported during the week from Havana and Matanzas, 20,000 boxes to foreign countries, 4,800 boxes to the United States, 1,800 hhds. to foreign countries, 1,700 hhds. to the United States; stock in warehouses in Havana and Matanzas, 18,000 boxes, 10,000 hhds. Molasses SUGAR firm at 5¼@6 reals, according to quality. MUSCOVADOES SUGAR—Inferior to good Refining active at 8¼@8¾ reals; fair to good Refining firm at 7¾@7¾ reals; grocery grades quiet at 7¾@9 reals. MOLASSES buoyant; stock scarce. LARD buoyant; in tierces, 21¼c.@22c. ₱ lb.; in 25-lb. tins, 24¼c.@25c. WOOD—Nothing doing. BUTTER firm at 30c.@46c. ₱ lb. PETROLEUM advancing on account of the scarcity of stock; sales, in bbls. at 4¼@4¾ reals ₱ gallon; in tins at 5¼@5¾ reals. FREIGHTS steady at $3 50@$4 ₱ bbl. LUMBER—The market for White Pine is flat; sales at $17 25 ₱ 1,000 ft.; Yellow Pine declining; sales at $22 50 ₱ 1,000 ft. SHOOK—Box declining; sales at 7 reals. HOGSHEADS—The market is supplied; quoted at $2 25@$2 50; empty Hogsheads in demand at $6 25@$8 37½. HOOPS quiet; 14 ft. long, shaved, $55; 12 ft. long, $45. FREIGHTS advancing; vessels in demand for the United States; 2,000 boxes of Sugar, to Northern and Southern ports, $1 50@$1 75; ₱ hhd. of Sugar, to Northern ports, $7 50@$8; to Southern ports, $6 25@$7. Molasses, to Northern and Southern ports, $4 50@$5. Exchange on London, 14½@15 ₱ cent. premium; on Paris, 2@2½ ₱ cent. premium; on United States, 60-days' sight, in currency, 25@26 ₱ cent. discount; short sight, 25@26 ₱ cent. discount; 60-days' sight, in gold, 37@38 ₱ cent. premium; short sight, 36@37 ₱ cent. premium.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Saturday, Feb. 6.
FLOUR active; Spring Extras, $5@$